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Dear Parents,

As we edge closer to the end of this academic year (Just 4 weeks left of the summer term) I write with some important information and changes to our original plans. After the government's announcements regarding the lifting of all restrictions being delayed we are bound by certain constraints which will mean changing some of our plans, as stated in my previous newsletter.

In the last 18 months, as far as we are aware, not one person, child or family has caught COVID-19 from being in school. We are proud that our systems have worked well and this has meant little disruption to the children's learning and the majority of bubbles have not had to close while everyone isolates. I know many families and our staff are looking forward to a summer holiday and I am keen to keep our safety measures until the end of term to ensure no-one has to isolate at the start of the summer break, or indeed gets ill from a transfer of infection. Therefore, I am asking for your support in ensuring that you continue to keep your child at home and get a PCR test booked should they display any of the following symptoms, which has been taken from a report on the BBC website:

A headache, sore throat and runny nose are now the most commonly reported symptoms linked to Covid infection in the UK, researchers say.

Prof Tim Spector, who runs the Zoe Covid Symptom study, says catching the Delta variant can feel "more like a bad cold" for younger people.

But although they may not feel very ill, they could be contagious and put others at risk.

Anyone who thinks they may have Covid should take a test.

The classic Covid symptoms people should look out for, the NHS says, are:

- cough
- fever
- loss of smell or taste

The change appears linked to the rise in the Delta variant, first identified in India and now accounting for 90% of Covid cases in the UK.

Fever remains quite common but loss of smell no longer appears in the top 10 symptoms, Prof Spector says.

"The message here is that if you are young, you are going to get milder symptoms anyway.

"It might just feel like a bad cold or some funny 'off' feeling - but do stay at home and do get a test."

Sports Day

We had obviously hoped to be further along the Government's Roadmap out of Lockdown and are therefore now unable to run Sports Day as usual. Whilst many schools are either cancelling or running some form of Sports Day behind closed doors, we are aware how much you would miss this and would like to run some form of event for you to attend.

To enable us to limit numbers and remain within the Government's restrictions, of groups of no more than thirty, we are allowing only one parent per child, per class, to attend on the relevant day.

Please also note, that due to some children not having parental permission to be filmed or photographed, we are asking that you do not take photographs or video during the event, thank you for understanding in this matter.

Our plan is as follows:

Monday 12th July 2021

9.30am: Year R

10.30am: Year 1

11.30am: Year 6

Wednesday 14th July 2021

9.30am: Year 3

10.30am: Year 2

11.30am: Year 5

2.00pm: Year 4

Please only arrive 5 minutes before your child's class time. You may wish to stand or bring a deckchair. We expect the sports session to last for approximately 30 minutes. Please be aware that you will need to distance from others within an allocated area and we must stick to these guidelines to help keep everyone safe.

Leavers Assembly

Weather permitting we are hoping to say a formal 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 leavers on Wednesday 21st July @ 2.00pm but this will take place outside ONLY. I must stress that invitations will ONLY go to our Year 6 parents, 2 invitations per child. We have to have seating plans for all parents which will enable us to track and trace all visitors should there be a positive case of COVID-19. The risk assessments and careful planning of such an event will take an immense effort to keep everyone safe. There will be more details for Year 6 parents to follow but please note: we expect the service to last no more than half an hour and you will be able to take your Year 6 child home with you at 2.30pm.

Please be aware that if the weather is not kind to us, parents will not be able to attend and the service will take place indoors with just Year 6, Mr Redgrave, Mrs Shaw and myself. Please keep everything crossed for sunshine!

P.E Uniform for September

Just a polite reminder as stated in the April Newsletter;

From September we will continue with P.E uniform on P.E days and the Governors have agreed that our school P.E uniform will be **compulsory** from September 2021.

This will be:

A plain white polo shirt/T-shirt with or without the school logo

A plain red/blue hoodie with or without the school logo

Black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms for colder weather

Plain black or white trainers (no bright colours please)

Children will be expected to wear the P.E uniform **only** on P.E days and as with our school uniform this should not be replaced with other colours or other items.

As always we are happy for children to wear a plain red or royal blue sweatshirt/hoodie with no logo or such, as found in supermarkets, but would prefer the school logo as this is helpful on school visits and sporting events in safeguarding our children. We will be popping a post on our website with photographs of our P.E Uniform expectations.

Please note: from September we will not accept sweatshirts or T-shirts with branding on them or not in school colours.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support for school. The children are working incredibly hard and my hope is that all our families can enjoy some quality time together over the summer.

As always if you have any concerns, however small, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stay safe and look after yourselves and our community.

Kind regards

Mrs K Mason
Headteacher