

16.7.21

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Changes to COVID Restrictions from 19 July**

We are almost at the end of term! Thank you for all the support that you have given us throughout this pandemic– you and your children have been amazing! From Monday 19 July, government guidance around COVID school closures is changing. I have set out the changes below for your information.

From Monday:

- if a child or member of staff tests positive, they must stay at home for 10 days; this is in line with Public Health England (PHE) advice
- anyone who needs to isolate as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and trace
- bubbles will no longer be automatically closed; this will be assessed on a case-by-case basis on the advice of Test and Trace who may contact school to support them in identifying close contacts.

For children in Y6 whose bubble is currently closed, they should continue to isolate and return to school on Wednesday 21 July: this is because the close occurred under previous government guidance. Our Y2 bubble was due to return to school on Monday 19 July and this remains the case. We look forward to welcoming all children back on the relevant day.

If your children experience symptoms, or test positive on an LFD, they must take a PCR test. Children who have exhibited symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend school until 10 days have past, or there is proof of a negative PCR.

Face Masks – while it is no longer mandatory to wear masks, with the rising number of cases in the area, we politely request that you consider continuing to wear a mask while on school premises.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

God Bless

Best Wishes

Miss Robinson