



Ready, Respectful, and Resilient.

Monday 12th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter outlines our plans for the final two weeks and contains some important information.

As you will have seen, the government has announced they are progressing to Step 4 of their 'roadmap' on Monday 19th July. This is a positive step forward in so many ways but there is still more work to be done. One of the key changes as we move into Step 4 is the updated guidance relating to 'bubbles.' From Monday 19th July, schools are no longer required to have bubbles (although the guidance does advise schools to finish the year in the current system). It is important to stress that we **will not** be making any changes for the last week of term and **will remain** in our set bubbles for the remainder of the academic year. As a community, we have worked so hard to keep one another as safe as possible and I want to thank you all on behalf of the school team for your support and help with this.

School start and finish times for the last two weeks of term:

School will continue to stagger the start and end times for the last two weeks of term. The timings will remain the same as they have been all year and we ask that you stick to these timings. If you do have to drop-off or collect at a different time, please continue to be mindful of social distancing around school.

As you know, even before the pandemic, school were about to introduce staggered start and end times and these will come into effect in September. A letter reminding you all of these arrangements will follow in due course.

Face Masks:

The guidance has been changed and from Monday 19th July 2021, the government are saying that face masks will no longer be a requirement. By this time, school will be within the last 5 days of the school year and so I ask that you continue to help us protect our school community and ask that you continue to wear face masks at drop-off and collection times. This is optional but we thank you for your support.

Closing school bubbles in the next two weeks:

From Monday 19th July, Test and Trace will be responsible for contacting parents of children who are close contacts and will be required to self-isolate. School are expected to work with Test and Trace and we will continue to work closely with Public Health England. For the final two weeks of the year, school will continue to follow the guidance of Public Health England with regards to this matter.

September:

School is currently working on this and will be in touch soon so that everyone is clear about the start of the new school year in September.

If you have any questions, please contact school. But for now, please rest assured that we are carrying on in the same way until we break up for the summer holiday.

Take care and stay safe

Lee Christopher