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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the Government have made the decision, from Monday 17th May, to further ease the restrictions that have been in place as we have navigated COVID-19.

The DfE guidance for schools was updated on Tuesday. A review of this documentation reveals a clear expectation for primary schools to continue to be cautious and keep existing measures largely in place. There are very few changes within the guidance for primary schools. The sections that have been updated are associated with the use of face coverings (mainly for secondary classrooms), attendance recording, educational visits, wraparound provision and extra-curricular activity.

Therefore, it is our intention to keep our current risk assessment in place, despite the easing of restrictions beyond the school gates. Our mindset is, that the more things ease out of school, the more we need to maintain the measures within our risk assessment in school, to mitigate the increased risk. Unless the Government guidance changes further during this term, current measures will remain in place. There is some flexibility in terms of allowing more children to mix outdoors. We will review and consider this over time, in relation to staggered lunch and break times, but the overarching thinking will always be to minimise mixing for now, in order to put the health and safety of our children and staff first.

To clarify, all staggered drop offs, collections, systems and established routines will remain in place, including the operation of year group bubbles. We ask that all parents/carers and family members support us by continuing to adhere to these measures going forward.

We have done extremely well so far, as a school community, to reduce transmission and avoid bubble closures. We do not want to take unnecessary risks that may result in further disruption, for what remains of the Summer Term.

Ahead of our return in September we will review everything again, based on the guidance at the time. We are mindful that there may be complications as we proceed through the Autumn term, due to winter illnesses and/or as a result of travel to other countries opening up. The reality is that we may need a variety of controls in place for some time to come. We will of course address this accordingly, and in line with Government guidance.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

V. C. Lewis

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Headteacher

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