

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are aware, the Prime Minister announced on Monday that the planned easing of restrictions will be delayed until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. As a result, I am writing to inform you that many of the end of year activities that our schools routinely hold for children and parents will not be able to go ahead in the usual way. This will include Sports Days and Year 6 Leavers' Events.

Local Public Health teams and the Department for Education have been clear that the system of controls which have been in place in our schools since September 2020 should continue to be implemented fully until the end of the academic year. This is especially important in our local area where case rates continue to rise quickly.

Given the significant increase in cases locally, it remains even more important to continue to minimise the risk of virus transmission between groups of children and so 'bubbles' will stay in place. Regular handwashing and cleaning of resources and classrooms will also continue. Please continue to support us by maintaining social distancing at the start and the end of the school day.

Headteachers are considering events that may be able to take place over the coming weeks. If any activities do go ahead, these activities will be different as they will only involve children in their individual bubbles in order to minimise mixing and keep children safe.

Due to the Public Health guidance, I am sad to say that schools will not be able to welcome parents to any events that go ahead this year. Schools will look at ways to share these special moments with you virtually and ensure that photographs and/or videos are taken in the same way as happened for Christmas performances.

I know that many of us are disappointed with the continuation of restrictions, however we need to act within the letter and spirit of the guidance issued and do all that we can to reduce transmission and keep our children and families safe. We look forward to the removal of all restrictions soon and a return to normality in our schools from September.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Stay safe and well.

Best regards

Mark Randall  
**Chief Executive Officer**