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NEWSLETTER – Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Newsletter from the Governing Body**

Hopefully you will have received a letter from the governing body which has been emailed to all parents and carers today giving details of the teaching staff for September. We're really pleased that the details of the leadership and teaching staff have been finalised and transition arrangements are being put in place to allow teachers to visit school and meet the children who will be in their classes next year.

### **Covid-19 guidance for September**

Earlier this week, the government revealed the Covid-19 guidance for schools which will come into effect from September. Many of the current restrictions to wider society are due to end on 19th July. We will continue to follow the routines and procedures that we have used through the year for the final week of the summer term.

The general headlines of the guidance are:

- The 'bubble' system will not be in operation (unless in circumstances when a school is advised to reintroduce the system by local health authorities) and as such, whole classes will not be sent home if there is a positive case of covid-19 within the school.
- Children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate.
- There will be no need to use staggered start and end times to the school day.
- Assemblies and whole-school collective worship can take place again.
- Children from different classes will be able to play together at break times.
- There will be no need for arrangements to stop children mixing at lunch.

Plainly, Covid-19 is not going to go away over the summer. We will all have to accept it will influence our lives to some extent but these changes will help bring the feeling of community back to the school.

We've been so very fortunate to not have been troubled by bubble closures that many schools have had to deal with but we are very much aware of the increase of cases in the local area and would ask everyone to continue to take measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

### **LEH runs the Euros**

The children have wholeheartedly taken on the LEH runs the Euros challenge and at the time of writing they have completed a total of 12284 laps which is equal to 767.75 miles! A phenomenal achievement! We will be able to report a final total after the weekend.

It's also not too late for the children to gather sponsors. All funds raised will be used to purchase resources to directly benefit and enhance the children's learning.

Any sponsor money can be submitted in two ways. Firstly, there is the old fashioned option of putting the cash in an envelope and sending it into school. We will quarantine any envelopes to keep the process Covid secure. The second option is to transfer the money to the Friends of the School bank account. The details for the account are sort code: 40-46-21 and the account number is 41418602. Please use the payment reference of 'LEH Euros' when transferring any money.

## Euros final

I'm sure that it hasn't escaped your attention that there is a certain football match taking place on Sunday evening or the fact that it is 55 years since the English football team have played in the final of a major tournament. If your child is a football fan and likely to be staying up to watch the game, which could well go onto until almost 11pm, then we're offering you the option to let them stay in bed a bed a little longer on Monday morning. We will be happy to accept them into school by 10:20am without incurring a late mark. They can arrive any time up to this point.

It's a long time since England were in this position and as much as school is very important, we understand that this doesn't happen very often. It will be an opportunity to talk about the pride involved with representing your country, perseverance and resilience and (hopefully not) dealing with disappointment.

Of course, school staff will be ready to welcome any children coming into school at the normal time, breakfast club will be open at the normal time and the school bus service will operate as it normally does. The decision as to whether or not to send the children in a little later rests with parents and carers.

Any KS2 pupils arriving after their normal start time can come straight into their classrooms via the doors to the playground; staff will be on duty on the playground to escort children from Classes 1 and 2 to their classrooms if they arrive between their normal start time and 10:20am.

If your child is ill on Monday, please follow the normal procedures by informing school as soon as possible.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 23 July	School closes for summer holidays
Monday 26 July	Training Day
Tuesday 27 July	Training Day
<b>Monday 6 September</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
Tuesday 7 September	School opens for autumn term

Yours sincerely



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