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Dear Parents

We are already at the end of another half term and we are delighted that the children have had seven weeks of unbroken teaching and learning – at last! Hopefully, this looks set to continue until the end of the summer term! Many thanks to your children for their hard work and continued efforts to settle back into school routines again – and to all of you for supporting them and us, as always! Thanks again to the staff who continue to work hard to help all the children accustom themselves again to school life in an enjoyable way.

Covid restrictions

As you know, national Covid restrictions were further lifted on May 17th, but, as previously, these have not resulted in any significant changes to government and local authority guidance for primary schools. We are still required to operate staggered start and finish times and operate in our existing class ‘bubbles’. In primary schools, pupils and staff were never required to wear masks – staff will continue to wear them in communal areas of the school. We request that you continue to wear a mask when you come onto the school site for any reason, unless you are exempt from wearing one. We all still need to be vigilant for Covid symptoms, and adults who work in school, and those with school age children, should continue to test themselves twice weekly using free lateral flow tests. Please remember that if your child develops possible Covid symptoms they, and other family members, must self-isolate and take a PCR test. We are continuing with our enhanced cleaning routines and following all aspects of the LA Covid compliance code as required.

It is possible that these restrictions may be lifted on June 22nd by the government, but until we know that this is the case we cannot plan with certainty for school events that would take place next half term – e.g. information evening for new YR/Y3 parents/transfer days/sports day etc. We are hopeful they may be able to take place and will inform you as soon as we know.

Track and Trace over half term

As previously, you must inform class teachers, via Class Dojo, if your child develops Covid symptoms between Friday May 28th and Sunday May 30th. They will need to have a PCR test and you need to report the result to class teachers. If the result is positive we will then inform relevant families if they and their children need to self-isolate. May thanks for your co-operation and vigilance in this matter.

School closes on Friday May 28th and we hope you enjoy a much warmer half term holiday. School reopens on Monday June 7th.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates
Headteacher

