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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following further Government announcements and having reviewed the latest Department for Education guidance I wanted to provide you with an update and outline the impact this will have on our school.

The Government outlined a number of changes that will affect schools nationally as we head towards Step 4 of the road map on the 19th July. It is hugely positive news that we may be moving into Step 4 and we are looking forward to operating school life without many of the stringent restrictions.

However, since contacts of positive cases will still need to isolate until further changes come into effect, we have decided, in-line with the latest guidance, to maintain the following protective measures until the end of term:

- Staggered drop off and pick up times
- Class bubbles
- Face coverings for staff in all communal areas including the playground at drop-off and pickup times

We appreciate that some members of our community may be disappointed by this decision to maintain all COVID procedures until the end of term. However, with infection rates expected to rise significantly over the coming weeks, we believe it prudent to end the academic year with procedures in place that limit the potential spread of infection, reducing the possibility of children, families and staff having to isolate at the start of the summer break.

I will write to you again before the end of term regarding what school will look like in September for children, staff and parents, once we have further guidance.

Thank you so much for your continued support during the most difficult of times over the past eighteen months - this is so hugely appreciated.

I hope you and your child enjoy the final week of this academic year and look forward to the positive developments that await in the next!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Finch', on a white background.

Miss S Finch
Executive Headteacher

'God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path'
Inspired by Psalm 119:105

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