

Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! I would like to thank you all for continuing to wear masks, keep to social distancing rules and respecting everyone's health. In an effort to ensure we all continue to be safe, to stop further disruption to the children and to give you as much notice as possible of my intentions, I have decided that we will continue with our present practices until the end of the school term (Friday 23rd July).

I fully appreciate that the infection rate continues to fall and that the Government intention is for the fourth step of the easing of lockdown in England to be 21st June, however this does not mean that we can go back to 'normal' straight away. I hope the Government is able to give all adults in the UK their first vaccination by the end of July. However, this does mean there will be a number of people who are not vaccinated before the end of the school term.

Therefore, we will keep the following in place for the rest of the school term:

- Staggered starts and finishes to the school day
- Each year group will be kept separated from other year groups e.g. separate lunchtimes and playtimes
- Children and adults will still be expected to use hand sanitizer throughout the school day
- No school organised clubs

Unfortunately, we will not be holding a summer fair or sports day this year; however, the children will be participating in an Olympic Week with their peers, so they learn about the Olympic and Paralympic values (excellence, respect, friendship, determination, equality, inspiration and courage).

As ever, the teachers will be developing learning opportunities for all of our children. This does include using our wonderful grounds, continuing with Forest School, school trips and we will be exploring various options, where the children can visit places in a safe way. I am very pleased that our year six children are going to go on their residential in May.

The pandemic has made all of us reflect on what we do. I will be sending out a survey in the next few weeks asking parents for their views on certain aspects of school life and what we could continue e.g. wearing P.E. kit to school.

Yours sincerely,

John Galvin
Headteacher