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Dear Parents/Carers

Arrangements for final week of Term 6 and the first week of Term 1

As you will all be aware, the Covid guidelines are changing with effect from Monday 19 July. However, as we will only have four days left of the summer term, I am planning to leave our arrangements exactly the same for the remainder of the summer term. This means continuing with our staggered start and finish times, staggering lunch sittings and asking all parents and visitors on the school site (both in the playground and in our buildings) to wear face coverings.

The Year 5/6 choir have performed their summer concert "What's the Crime, Mr Wolf?" to all of the classes over two shows this week. It will be recorded on Monday and a CD sent to the choir members' parents. I have given a lot of thought to doing a live performance for parents, but with the Governors' support, I have decided against it. Potentially, this would be 70+ parents and 30 children in a small space (possibly in hot weather too) and I do not wish any of us – children, staff, or parents – to be in a situation where they are having to self-isolate at the start of the summer holidays. I know you will be disappointed with this decision and I am too, but I feel that I have made my decision for the right reasons and hope you are all understanding.

From 19 July, schools will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with families to identify close contacts. However, we would be grateful if you could keep us informed of positive cases during term time.

Until at least 16 August, advice from Public Health regarding self-isolation remains unchanged, so please continue to keep your child at home for the remainder of term if you or other members of your household display symptoms until you have the results of a PCR Test. You will then be advised of next steps by NHS Test and Trace.

When we return to school on Thursday 2 September, I plan to keep these existing arrangements for the first two days, to give us time to assess the guidelines that are in place at that point, in case August brings new Government restrictions, and we need to make any necessary adjustments to our school operation.

We know that God loves us; We show it by being loving, honest and respectful.

As long as no further restrictions have been imposed over the summer break, I plan to move back to our normal start and finish times with effect from Monday 6 September. This will mean that children can be dropped off in the playground from 8.30am, ready to come into class at 8.40am, and all children can be collected at the end of the day at 3pm. Please bear with me on this – I will write to parents on Friday 3 September to confirm whether we are able to go ahead with this return to "normal".

Once again, I would like to thank all of our school community for your continued support as we work together to keep everyone safe.

Finally, the last day of term, Thursday 22 July, will be a **"Wear What You Like Day"** for all children, but please can Year 6 bring their uniforms to change into for their Leaver Service.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break.

Sincerely



Karen Walker
Headteacher