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Parents and Carers

Date 19 April 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Term Arrangements

I am writing to let you know the arrangements that are being prepared for the summer term, now that all pupils are due to return.

As ever, our main concern is the health, safety and wellbeing of every pupil and member of staff, which is best achieved by following the FACTS message

As you know, arrangements in schools are very strict so that we can control the spread of infection, which means

- We will continue to operate bubble systems
- We will continue to ask secondary school pupils to wear face coverings, unless exempt
- We will ensure that rooms are well ventilated
- We will try to learn outdoors as much as possible

The letter sent to you recently from NHS also asked for your help:

- Limit gatherings and avoid car sharing
- Close contacts to isolate and get tested
- Symptoms – get tested and isolate

We are also pleased that outdoor extracurricular activities will be able to resume from 26th April. There will be important safety considerations to be met and your Headteacher will let you know what they are and when clubs are starting in your school. We are not yet able to restart indoor extracurricular activities, unfortunately, but will keep you updated should that change.

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Finally, the end of the summer term is normally a time for transitions and celebrations. While these are not possible in their usual format this year, we are making every attempt to make safe alternative arrangements. Should there be further changes to the national and local protection levels, we will reflect those in our plans and guidance.

Thank you once more for your support in keeping schools open and children safe.

Yours sincerely

Lorna French
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