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COVID updates

We were hoping that as we entered step 3 of the Government's road map there could be some relaxation of COVID rules around school. However, this has not been the case and school has been advised to make very few changes to the current Risk Assessment. We still need to operate staggered start and finish times, as well as staggered lunch and break times. Children from different bubbles are still not allowed to mix in school and we still need to operate a one way system around school.

Moving forward, we were hoping to offer some elements of summer term life e.g. sports days, however, this may or may not allow parents as spectators. As soon as we have heard from Public Health regarding this, we will let you know.

We would ask that parents continue to wear face masks on the school site as many of our younger staff have still not been vaccinated.

Earrings

Please remember that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school due to health and safety reasons. Children who wear earrings for school, will not be allowed to play out at break and lunchtime or take part in PE lessons.

Dates for the diary

17th May-Science week 19th May -Internet Safety training Year 5 and 6 21st May—Walking Bus 25th May—KS1 Cricket taster day 18th and 25th May—Tulips Road safety training 26th May—Year 5 /6 orienteering 28th May—School closed staff training 7th June—Back to school 14th June—RRSA week 18th June—School closed staff training 21st June—Assessment week 28th and 30th June-Reception Induction parents meeting 3:30 1st and 5th July—Nursery induction parents meeting 3:30 1st July—New class lists to parents 5th and 6th July- In school transition 7th July—Full Governing Body meeting

19th July—Reports to parents **Potential Dates**

14th July—UKS2 Sports day am 15th July—KS1 Sports Day am 15th July—EYFS Sports Day pm 16th July LKS2 Sports Day am 23rd July—Leavers Assembly

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hope who are expecting another baby in October. Mrs. Hope's part time role will be covered by Miss Smith, who will be returning to school in July following her maternity leave. We also must say congratulations and good luck to Miss Wilkinson who will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up a teaching post in Ghana. She will be greatly missed by staff and students alike. Miss Byrne and Miss Thompson will join us in September to cover the teaching posts in school. We are hoping they can join us for our transition days in July so that the children can get to meet them.

Parking around school

We continue to have issues with parents parking dangerously around school at the beginning and the end of the school day. This is particularly worrying as we still have no school crossing patrol. Whilst we appreciate that parking spots are limited, driving on grass verges and on the grassed areas in front of school is not acceptable. The children and parents expect these areas to be safe for both children and pets. The police and traffic enforcement service are aware of the issues.

The local authority have been supporting Lower Key Stage 2 in Road Safety training and have organised a Walking Bus to try and support more families in walking to school. We appreciate this is not practical for some families but would encourage you to park safely around the school site to protect our school community.

Advance Notice for school closure

School will be closed on Friday 28th May and Friday 18th June for staff training days.