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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's update on Monday evening, which resulted in the four-week pause at Step 3 in the easing of restrictions, all schools across the country are reviewing their summer term plans to ensure they are consistent with the Step 3 restrictions for the country.

We must continue to prioritise safety for pupils, staff and the wider community at this time. As a result, we have had to revise some of our proposed plans to ensure we are strictly following our COVID Risk Assessment. I recognise that this may be disappointing for some parents and carers.

National School Sport Week

Next week is National School Sport Week. Unfortunately, the weather forecast is looking very mixed for the week ahead but we hope that we will be able to go ahead with our plans. The children should wear their school PE kit throughout the week and expect to be outside where the weather permits.

Sports days will go ahead, weather permitting. However, in accordance with the Department for Education advice in relation to the pandemic, we have had to make some changes to our proposed plans.

Whilst participating in sports day, the children must remain within their bubbles at all times. Due to the requirement for schools to adhere to strict social distancing, we are no longer able to invite the parents and carers to join us in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. It is commonly recognised that the younger children find it very hard to socially distance from others and we do not wish to cause them any further distress by saying they cannot meet or greet the adults who come to watch them participate.

We are however happy to invite **one parent/carer** for each of our Key Stage 2 children. This will be strictly adhered to as we cannot have a spectator group larger than 30. Please note that no siblings (babies, toddlers or pre-school children will be able to attend). We will mark registers of attendance for everyone's safety.

Any parents/ carer attending a sports day must ensure they adhere to strict social distancing when on site. They will be asked to sanitise their hands when arriving at school and must wear a face covering until they are seated (unless exempt from doing so). We will not be able to permit any spectator to enter the school building, for example we will not have any toilets available for spectators.

We are really pleased that we have been able to put measures in place (with a thorough Risk Assessment) which allows the Key Stage 2 parents to attend. We will be explaining to the children that although it is great that parent and carers are able to join us as spectators, the children must remain with their class teacher and friends at all times.

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Usually the phases would participate in sports day together e.g. Year 3 & Year 4, however to ensure we can mitigate risk and maintain groups no larger than 30, we have had to split the year groups. Please see revised timings below:

- Year 3 - Thursday 24th June (9:30-10:30am)
- Year 4 - Thursday 24th June (10:45 - 11:45 am)
- Year 5 - Thursday 24th June (1:15 - 2:15pm)
- Year 6 - Thursday 24th June (2:30 - 3:30pm)

Year 6 parents who are unable to attend sports day, should note that Y6 children, who have permission to walk home alone, will not be dismissed from school until after 3:30pm.

Transition days / Move-up days

We are currently awaiting an update from the local authority in relation to the Year 6 to Year 7 transition which was due to take place on the 6-8th July. When we understand what is happening with the secondary schools, we will be able to confirm the plans for children in school. We will update parents and carers as soon as we are able to and we thank everyone for their continued patience.

Term Dates

School closes for the summer holiday: 21st July 2021

INSET Days

22nd July 2021

2nd September 2021

3rd September 2021

Pupils return to school: Mon 6th September 2021

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Murfin

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