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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support and understanding this term. These last two weeks have been very challenging with more than half the staff team either self-isolating, in hospital or on sick leave. I know that the rise in cases in school has also created additional disruption to your daily lives as so many children have been sent home to self-isolate.

COVID UPDATE

Although there are changes from Monday 19th July, the school's risk assessment will continue to be implemented and we will follow the local authority's advice regarding school procedures until the end of term.

- **Up until** the 19th, in the event of a positive case school will identify close contacts and send them home to self-isolate even if the self-isolation goes past the 19th.
- From the 19th, pupils with symptoms and their siblings will be sent home to self-isolate. The household should also self-isolate. The symptomatic pupil needs to get a PCR test. Parents need to inform school of the outcome. If the test is negative, the pupil (and any siblings) can return to school as long as they no longer have symptoms.
- If the test is positive, the household self-isolates, they inform school and they will be contacted by Test and Trace.
- All other mitigations bubbles etc. will be maintained until the end of term.
 This is the advice of the LA, in conjunction with school leaders and trade unions.

Unfortunately, we will not be inviting parents to any events next week. We will put photographs and film clips on the school website. Years 1-6 need to wear their PE kit on Thursday.

Summer School

We have secured funding to run a summer school (6 mornings). Pupils have been invited based on criteria set by the funders. There is a range of criteria. Pupils who meet the most, have been selected first. If not all the places are taken up we will send further letters out to others.

All children will be given resources to use during the summer as well as other venues and activities that can be accessed in the local area.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Yours sincerely S Furno Head teacher











