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Dear Parent/ Carer,

It was great to hear positive feedback about our sports week activities that took place last week. This week, classes will have the opportunity to walk to Wembley. Unfortunately, the result was not what he had hoped for on Sunday evening, but I hope that the children still enjoy the activity.

Thank you for all of the families that fed back responses about September arrangements. Yesterday, the leadership team met to discuss both the responses from families and staff to confirm changes to be made next week as well as potential changes from September. This will be the first of two updates this week. I will update you with the main changes to expect from next week today and on Friday after consultation with staff, I will share with you what September will look like. We will also have an outbreak management plan (similar to current arrangements), if there is an increase in cases and we are instructed by Public Health England (or another appropriate body) to move back to bubble arrangements.

Arrangements from Monday 19th July

After consulting with staff it has been decided to continue with the existing risk assessment and procedures until the end of term. This includes use of team bubbles inside and outside the classes. We will continue to request that all families coming on site continue to wear face coverings (unless exempt) at the start and the end of the day. This will be reviewed again in September, with the potential of losing this requirement then depending on the amount of cases and the most up to date guidance.

We have decided to relax the existing risk assessment next week in order to allow the following to happen:

- Children to have a greater range of play equipment at break and lunchtimes
- Allowing Y6 parents and carers (wearing face coverings) on site to see their leavers song at 2:15pm. The field gate will be opened at 2:10pm and families will be able to spectate in the immediate quadrant as they enter the school. There will be a window of 2:30-3pm where Y6 children will be able to say goodbye to one another outside. By 3pm, all Y6 children will need to have left site or return to their home class if attending after school provision.

We will be maintaining all existing hygiene and twice daily cleaning programmes for the remainder of this year and next academic year as a minimum.

Families should continue to notify the school of positive cases using the Covid email address for the remainder of the academic year.

Return to Uniform Expectations in September

Next year the plan is to move back to twice weekly P.E. lessons in addition to the daily mile. Therefore, we have made the decision that children will need to bring in a kit and trainers again from next academic year. This also means that our temporary relaxation on the requirement to not wear school shoes will end. I am aware that there is currently quite a lot of options as part of our school uniform. Whilst all options will continue next year- we would be encouraging anyone buying new uniform to purchase:

- Red Aldryngton (where possible) jumper or cardigan.
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- A red and white gingham dress can be worn during the Summer term
- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts.
- Grey tights or plain socks
- Black school shoes- velcro preferred in the younger age groups
- Plain white T-Shirt for P.E. with navy shorts. A navy tracksuit can be worn in colder months.
- White or dark trainers.



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From September, we will also be asking families to ensure that:

- Nail varnish is not to be worn to school.
- Long hair that is shoulder length or below is tied up at all times.
- Only stud earrings may be worn to school and on days that P.E. lessons are taking place then no earrings are to be worn.
- Apart from watches, only religious jewellery may be worn.

Please ensure that all uniform is named, so that it can be returned to the rightful owner. We will not be moving back to the lost property box that used to exist near the office.

Goodbye to Mrs Seemungal

Next week we will be saying farewell to Mrs Seemungal, who has worked at the school for a number of years as our SEN Leader. As you are all aware, Mrs Seemungal moved out of the area at the end of last year, but she has continued to support the school in a remote capacity whilst we recruited and inducted a new SEN Leader (Mrs Tomsett). I would like to thank Mrs Seemungal on behalf of the school community for all of her efforts over the years.

End of Year Gifts

Some families have enquired whether or not staff would be accepting gifts at the end of this academic year. Whilst there is no expectation at all that families buy staff any gifts, if any gift is provided, then staff would be happy to accept.

Yours sincerely

Mark Wieder
Headteacher

