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By Brook Valley
Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you in relation to the country moving to Step 4 of the government's road map out of the pandemic on 19 July.

As a school, we will continue to put in place proportionate control measures and regularly review and update our risk assessments.

From the 19 July the school will continue to:

- 1) Ensure good hygiene for everyone. Frequent and thorough hand cleaning will continue to be a regular practice with soap and water or hand sanitiser. In addition, the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will be encouraged.
- 2) Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- 3) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- 4) Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

There is only a short period of time between the 19 July and the end of the summer term so the children will remain in their bubble groups. However, from September pupils will no longer have to remain in their bubbles, unless there is a local need to reintroduce them for a temporary period in order to reduce mixing between groups.

Until the end of the summer term, Reception and Key Stage 1 will continue to finish the school day at 3pm; Key Stage 2 will finish at 3.10pm. On the last day of term, all classes will finish at 2pm.

From 19 July, face coverings will no longer be needed to be worn at drop off and pick up times, unless there is an outbreak in the school and we are advised that they should temporarily be re-introduced. Please be mindful and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

Pupils, staff and other adults need to continue to follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. No one should come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19. If anyone in our school develops symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and will be asked to follow public health advice.

Roots to grow, wings to fly
"They will soar on wings like eagles" Isaiah 40:31
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Pupils with a positive LFD test should self-isolate in line with stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

From 16 August, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

I will send out further information about the start of the new academic year before the end of this term. If there are further changes to operational guidance or PHE inform me of a local outbreak, I will notify you as soon as possible.

Please remember to contact the school office if your child needs to self-isolate or if you require any further advice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in following the control measures the school has put in place throughout the pandemic.

Yours sincerely

Mr Graham Pike
Headteacher