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### Coronavirus Updates

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday the Prime Minister shared his plans for easing Coronavirus rules across the country. From July 19<sup>th</sup>, many of the current restrictions in place will end. With only two weeks of term left, my priority is to keep children and staff as safe as can be and to reduce the risk of the Summer holidays being ruined by last-minute covid infections.

Therefore **all the measures we are currently taking will continue until the end of term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. This includes wearing face coverings, keeping children socially distanced in bubbles and limiting visitors to the school site (with the exception of our Year 6 leavers exhibition – see below).

Yesterday afternoon the Secretary of State for Education laid out the steps which schools should take at the beginning of next academic year. It is clear that the vast majority of restrictions will no longer apply and I am hopeful this will lead to far fewer disruptions to the children's learning.

We are planning for New Park to be back to normality from September. This means that:

- Children and staff will no longer be in bubbles or required to socially distance
- All children will have an 8:45am-3:15pm school day
- Children and parents will all enter the school site through the main gates on Skipton Road
- After-school clubs will restart
- Family breakfasts, exhibitions, school trips, and parents' evenings can take place

The government predict that COVID infection rates will rise steeply as restrictions end and it is likely that more guidance will be issued to schools before the start of term. We will keep you abreast of developments and communicate any changes to our plans before children start at school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Transition morning

As we are keeping in bubbles for the remainder of this term, we are unable to do our usual transition visits with children to meet their new teachers and classrooms. Instead, we are holding a transition morning on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July where current children will meet their new teacher and classmates outside on the playground. Your child will come home with a class slip on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, indicating which class they will be in from September 2021.

#### Sports Day

Our Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Like last year, children will take part in a series of events to earn points. The winners from each year will be announced in our end-of-term assembly. Unfortunately, parents and carers will not be able to attend but we will put lots of photos and videos on our Facebook and Twitter pages

**Year 6 leavers**

Leaving primary school marks an important transition in children's lives and we want to make sure our Year 6 children have the opportunity to reflect and celebrate on their achievements. We are holding an informal leavers' exhibition on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 2:30-3:30pm. I will be writing to Year 6 parents early next week with more details.

Mr Mold