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Dear Parent and Carers,

Many thanks once more for your continued support and commitment to everything you do for our schools - especially again, as we have just gone through another extreme year and final term.

We are staying hopeful that the future is going to be brighter with a promised return of more normality to our everyday lives as the country lifts all Covid restrictions. Even though the government lifts the measures from Friday, 17th July, we as a Trust will not be changing our schools current measures for the last three days of term. Therefore if there is a confirmed case of a positive adult or child, that year group bubble will still close and your child will access their learning from home. However, there will be **no instruction** from public health for your child to isolate at home unless they develop symptoms. It will be your responsibility to do the right thing for everyone. Thank you for your support with this.

From September, we will also be staying as cautious as possible with the practical measures we can implement in school with the least impact on learning and you at home. This will be for at least the first half term whilst we observe the impact locally and nationally of the removed restrictions. The biggest risk will be infection spreading in the school and symptomatic and positive cases of children and staff being absent and most importantly being poorly. We can minimise this as much as possible if we continue taking the virus seriously in terms of likelihood of infection if left unchecked.

We have summarised for you below the key elements that we will still be a feature of school in September.

For the first half term at least:

- Maintain separate year group bubbles as much as possible.
- Assemblies to remain in class via zoom
- Lunchtime still taken staggered and in classrooms (KS2)
- Children from different year groups to be kept separate on the playground

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- Hands and space (staff may still wear face masks on the playground and in communal areas if infection rates are high in the community – visitors will also be encouraged to continue this).

Ongoing until further notice:

- Only symptomatic and positive cases will remain at home – whole bubbles **will not** burst and have to isolate.
- We ask all families to remain highly vigilant to symptoms and act quickly to isolate as this will stop infections spreading in school.
- Track and trace will be identifying close contacts, not school, but we still ask you to let us know if you have a positive case at home.
- Staff continue to take a lateral flow test at least twice a week (encourage all adults at home to do the same)
- Continued increased cleaning of touch points and shared areas.
- Staggered start for all year groups
Y3 & 5 (start at 8:50am – finish at 3:20) and **Y4 & 6** (start at 8:35am -finish 3:05)
(this has also been better for an easier drop off and collection giving more time to talk to you if needed and eased traffic congestion)
- Times for EYFS: **Nursery** – 9:00am – 2:40pm
Reception - 8:50 – 2:45pm (please use the side gate entrance on Spring Road.)
- **Year 1 and 2:** 8:40 – 2:55pm (Please use the gate at the park entrance.)
- Specialist staff will teach in different year groups again (PE)
- Educational visits are aiming to restart
- Breakfast club from September (a survey will come out soon to sign up)
- After school clubs



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Please have a lovely summer break. We look forward to continuing to working together again in September.

Stay safe,

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Alexandra Junior School

Mrs Lupton
Headteacher

Alexandra Infants' School

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