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Dear Parent and Carers,

As you will have heard the next step of the government's road map continue on Monday 17th May with further restrictions being lifted. Schools received guidance on Monday 10th May. Not much is changing with regard to primary schools. The guidance still emphasis having systems of control in place. This includes staggered start and finish times, classes remaining in bubbles, hand washing, keeping the building well ventilated and additional cleaning of areas and equipment. Staff take lateral flow tests regularly and will continue to do so. The key message is that we still remain cautious.

I want to thank parents who are still remaining cautious and checking with the school if they are unsure if they should send their child in. We are one of the few schools in the area that has not had to close any bubbles and I strongly believe this is down to everyone playing their part.

**Please continue to wear face masks when dropping off and picking up.
Continue to use the one-way system. Please do not gather in groups on the school premises or at the gates. Social distancing remains in place.**

Drop off times - Surnames **A-M 8:40- 8:50**

Surnames **N-Z - 8:50 - 9:00**

Pick up times - Surnames **A-M -3:00-3:10**

Surnames **N-Z - 3-10 - 3:20**

All children should be in school by 9:00am. In line with the school attendance policy if a child comes in between 9:00- 9:10 they will be recorded as late. After 9:10 an unauthorised mark will be given. Schools are now allowed to issue penalty notices (fines) in accordance with their attendance policy (available on the school website)

The guidance also recognises as restrictions lift, some families may be looking to take holidays. As usual, parents should plan their holiday around school breaks and not take children out of school on holiday during term time. Requests for holidays in term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Staff development days for the next academic year have been agreed.

They are:

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 21st February 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

After School Club restarted on Monday 10th May, if you would like your child to attend please contact the school office at least the day before. After School Club must be paid for before the child goes to the club.

Temperature checks at the class doors will stop this Friday. We will only check a child's temperature if they say they feel unwell and then contact parents if appropriate.

Lots of children are now riding bikes or scooters to school. Could children once they enter the school premises get off the bike or scooter and walk it round to the racks. Bikes in particular, should not be ridden on the school premises this includes the playground.

Parent consultation take up was quite low with about 60% of parent requesting a phone call. This is unusual and I would like to do some research into why this was the case. Next week I will be emailing a questionnaire and also catching people on the front door. I'd be grateful if you could spare a few minutes helping with this.

If you have any questions please e-mail teachers or catch me on the door in the mornings.

Kind regards Mrs E Pearson