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Dear Parents and Carers

Important Covid19 Update

I am writing to update you following the Prime Minister's announcement this week. The government announced a 4-week pause at Step 3 of the roadmap and therefore Step 3 restrictions remain in place. It is expected that we will move to Step 4 on 19 July 2021, but in the meantime, we are required to keep our protective measures and maintain the children's bubbles.

As an extra precaution, Public Health England (PHE) is also advising all close contacts of positive cases in schools should take a COVID-19 PCR test even if they do not have symptoms (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation). I will advise you should this situation arise.

The government is still encouraging adults in households with school age children to test twice weekly with LFD tests. Government advice is still **not** to use LFD home tests if anyone in the household has symptoms of COVID-19. Only a PCR test where the results are sent to a laboratory for processing can be used to confirm a positive or negative result.

A child with symptoms can only return to school after a negative PCR test not a negative LFD test.

We are still waiting for further guidance as to how this announcement will impact on our summer term activities but we continue to risk assess and plan activities in line with the government's system of controls and guidance.

We always want the very best for our children and intend to make the end of year as special as possible for them.

I will write to you again shortly once we have agreed our plans.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Bull
Headteacher