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Wednesday, 14th July 2021,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement on Monday 12th July and the Government's plan to proceed with the lifting of all restrictions as part of Step 4 of the Roadmap, we have now received the schools operational guidance which can be found here: [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

We are working through this guidance to assess the changes that we will need to make for the new academic year in September.

Highlights of the key issues that schools will have to account for are set out below:

- Bubbles or separation of children is no longer necessary and social distancing is no longer a requirement
- Schools will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing
- Face coverings are not required but will remain optional for staff (the exception being where there is an outbreak based on advice by the local Director of Public Health)
- Schools must develop an outbreak management plan

The following control measures are required in all schools:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- **Testing**
 - All staff should continue to test regularly if they are attending settings that remain open over the summer
 - Testing will be widely available over the summer and kits can be collected from community pharmacies
 - All school staff should continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September
- **Risk assessments** must be completed by the school prior to re-opening in September 2021

Given that the timing of these changes is so close to the end of term, you will appreciate the challenges in terms of putting them in place.

We will inform you ahead of the new term what the specific arrangements will be for your child's year group.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require further information at this stage.

Thank you for your cooperation

Best regards

Stephane Bommel - Headteacher

