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Dear Parents / Carers,

On Monday, the Prime Minister updated us on which measures will be lifted for [Step Three of the government's roadmap](#) out of lockdown. A summary of these can be seen below:

**HM Government**

**STEP 3**

**NO EARLIER THAN 17 MAY**  
At least 5 weeks after Step 2

BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES	SOCIAL CONTACT	LARGER EVENTS	TRAVEL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor hospitality</li> <li>Indoor entertainment and attractions</li> <li>Organised indoor sport (adult)</li> <li>Remaining accommodation</li> <li>Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 30 people outdoors</li> <li>Indoors: Up to 6 people or a larger group from 2 households only (subject to review)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most significant life events (30 people)</li> <li>Indoor events 1,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower)</li> <li>Outdoor events 4,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower)</li> <li>Large seated outdoor venues 10,000 people or 25% capacity (whichever is lower)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic overnight stays</li> <li>International travel (subject to review)</li> </ul>

**COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021**

In line with the government roadmap, we aim to sensibly and cautiously reduce in school restrictions, in order to support a return to 'normal' school life. Below I have detailed some changes and the dates they will come into action. These will be kept under constant review and may be revised at any point.

### Changes from 17th May

- **Broadening of bubbles:** Year groups will pair up to form bigger bubbles. The children will be able to mix during playtime and lunchtime.

Nursery and Reception	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
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- **Staff:** Staff will work more widely and fluidly across the school, including crossing bubbles.
- **Drop off and pick up:** This will stay the same for the time being. The one way system remains in place.
- **PE kit:** This will stay the same with children coming to school in their PE kit on their PE days.
- **Swimming:** this will resume for Year 6 after June half term.

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## Changes from 21st June

- Wider cross school collaboration
- Return of school events such as Sports Days and Year 6 leavers disco.
- We are hoping to hold some events where parents can come into school before the end of term. For example, inviting parents/carers into school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July to collect school reports and meet their child's next teacher.

## Further safety measures

Our rooms will remain well ventilated, children and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands and sanitise regularly and we will continue to avoid physical contact where possible.

Additionally, all teachers, support staff and regular visitors to our school will continue to take part in our twice weekly lateral flow testing programme. I urge you to do the same as all adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid Covid-19 testing.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period or being able to stay open and running.

## Accessing test kits

- Collect a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. [Click here to find a local site where you can collect tests](#)
- Order a home test kit online – but only if testing cannot be access through other routes, as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most [Click here to order lateral flow home test kits](#)

## Coronavirus symptoms

We must not forget that the virus is still out there in our community. If anyone in your household develops any of the following three symptoms, your whole household must isolate and you need to arrange testing immediately.

- **a high temperature** – this means you or your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature, but if your child's temperature is over 38 degrees, this qualifies as a high temperature in addition to the feeling hot to touch on their chest or back)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you or your child usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you or your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If someone in your household tests positive - all members of your household and anyone the positive case has had close contact with must isolate for 10 days from last contact- this may include your support / childcare bubble. It is essential that you inform us about any positive coronavirus cases or symptoms of anyone in your household/bubble.

Thank you once again for your support since all of this began.

Yours sincerely,



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