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Dear Parents, Carers

And so some three weeks of the summer term have passed and the easing measures are slowly starting to take place. We all have the significant dates in our minds of 17th May and 21st June when, it is anticipated that

Roadmap Step three - 17 May

- Outdoors, most social contact rules will be lifted, but gatherings of more than 30 will be illegal
- Indoors, the rule of six or a larger group of up to two households will be allowed
- Indoor hospitality - pubs, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, concert halls, children play areas, hotels, B&Bs, indoor exercise classes - will be allowed
- Advice on social distancing between family and friends, including hugging, will be updated no later than 17 May
- Large indoor performances and sporting events with a capacity of 1,000 people will be allowed
- Weddings, wedding receptions, wakes, funerals and christenings will be allowed with 30 people

Step four - 21 June: All legal limits on social contact removed

- **Yet to be decided**
- There are a few rules and issues that have not yet been agreed and will be subject to review during the easing of lockdown.
 1. The one-metre plus rule, mandatory facemasks and working from home
 2. The government hopes to conclude a review of this before step four.
 2. Whether you can use proof of having a COVID-19 vaccine to enter mass events
 - The government hopes to set out the conclusion of a review prior to step four on whether vaccine or test certificates could be used to reopen the rest of the economy.
 3. International travel - The government has said this will not resume before 17 May

With regard to school, we stated that our arrangements for this summer term followed those of the Spring and any changes which take place will be gradual and in accordance with risk assessment and government guidance. You will have observed news recently regarding booster jabs in Autumn and mixed political feelings about premature foreign travel for holidays etc so this reminds us of why cautious easing is necessary.

Attendance Regulations

It may be timely to remind everyone that local authority attendance regulations are fully in place and that we do not authorise holidays in term time.

What has been happening in school this term?

As you will recall from previous newsletters, the main focus has been on phonics and reading, mathematics and writing. Our *first things first* approach is critical to improving children's confidence and resilience in all other areas of learning. There are no national standard SAT tests this year. There will be a final annual pupil report to parents this year which will focus on recovery (catch up) learning. Please listen to your child read at home whenever you can make time to do so. It makes a significant impact on their learning at school!

Year Six Transition Day 7th July 2021

The secondary transition day has been set for Wednesday 7th July 2021 Year 6 children to meet their secondary teachers at their new schools

Year Five Children Walking Home Unescorted Summer Term

We have received a number of parental requests for Year 5 children to walk home without their parents so we have given this some consideration. We have agreed that **ONLY** in the **summer term** with written parental expression of consent will a year 5 child be allowed to walk home unescorted. The few children who are doing so currently walk with their friends. Parents must not feel pressurised by their children into making such a decision. We completely understand your decision to maintain your collection arrangements or change only in the summer term if this helps you as a family. All other children must be collected from school by parents or child-minders.

First Holy Communion

Fr Dominic Curran has spent time planning the sacramental programme for three cohorts of Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children and has written letters to parents. Separate letters will be issued to those:

in Year 5 (who missed the opportunity last Summer) Year 4 (who have missed the opportunity this summer) and Year 3 who will be preparing next year. He and the catechists have given parents some options to consider and proposed dates to pencil in diaries. Please respond to these letters (where appropriate) from 8th May.

Reception Induction

We are planning a new reception parents' induction meeting on 16th June 2021. The meeting details will follow in the next fortnight when plans are confirmed

Sweden Grove

We have reminded the older children about waiting respectfully near the houses around Sweden Grove whilst they are waiting to come in the mornings. Our neighbours have been very understanding of the increased stationary numbers of pedestrians around their homes at key times of the day.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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