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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Covid Bubbles / Gradual relaxing of the rules.

Throughout the pandemic we have kept children and staff in Class Bubbles to minimise the possible spread of Covid-19 and the impact on the whole school should closing a bubble be necessary. Many schools have been running in whole year group bubbles of between 60-90 children (or more at high school!) from the start of lockdown but we have kept groups much smaller.

However, as the Government guidelines are now changing outside of education and families are permitted to spend time together in groups, we felt it necessary to review some of the aspects of our Covid-19 provision.

We have decided that the first step in relaxing the Covid-19 measures will be to allow wider mixing of bubbles at playtime and lunchtime. We will start this over the next few weeks.

We always promote the children's Mental Health and Well-being and we can see the impact of lockdown within school – the children have been in their bubble for a long time now. We are so proud of their resilience and the perseverance they have demonstrated in school and when working at home, but starting to widen interactions will be hugely beneficial for the children socially.

We feel that this will allow the children to play with people beyond their year group bubble and also start to make new relationships with their classmates if they are moving up into a new class in September.

We will organise these sessions on specific days but the logistics will all be within school, so there is nothing that parents / carers need to do.

Please continue to drop off and collect at your usual Bubble time slots – we will keep this in place until the Government announce further changes permitted for the education sector.

We are hopeful that by the end of this academic year, we will have some semblance of normality back, with the whole school community able to gather as Key Stages or one group.

Yours Sincerely,

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