



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was almost two months ago when I wrote to you last regarding COVID-19 and how it would affect how we keep your child safe at school. Thankfully that was because there was very little to update you on.

I am writing now because you may have heard that the government has announced changes to the way schools operate from 19th July onwards.

As I am sure you are aware our school, and many in Leeds, are experiencing the highest number of positive COVID cases at any time during the entire pandemic. As such, the advice from Leeds City Council is to **maintain all of our current safety measures until the end of the term.**

This means that as a school, we will continue to:

- Teach the children in Year Group Bubbles
- Have staggered start and end times to the school day
- Ensure that children from different Bubbles do not mix during the day
- Staff to wear face masks in communal areas

The activities and events we have planned in that final week have all been planned using these safety measures, and it would not be wise to change these at the end of the year, against the advice from Leeds City Council.

September 2021

When the children return in September 2021, we hope that things will look and feel different in school.

We will have a new risk assessment that will take into account the advice and guidance from the government and Leeds City Council, and I hope that in September we will:

- No longer teach the children in Bubbles meaning that we can:
 - Have one start and end time to the school day
 - Return to having school assemblies
 - Children from different year groups playing out at the same time
 - Children who are positive for COVID being taught at home while the rest of their class remain in school
 - Staff no longer have to wear face masks in communal areas

Some things like hand sanitising and ventilation in the classrooms will stay the same, and if there are several positive cases in school, I will need to inform the local health protection team, who will advise me on any steps to take.

Transition Day

We had hoped that all of the children in school would meet their new teacher this week, but several bubble collapses and the many self-isolations meant that this could not happen as planned.

Trying to arrange another date in the last two weeks where every class is in school is very difficult as there are school trips planned for most days between now and the summer holidays.

So when your child's class is in school at the same time as their new teacher, we will ensure that they spend some time together before we break up. Your child's new teacher will come into their classroom, introduce themselves, play some getting to know you games, and read them a story.

We know it is not the same as spending a day together and want you to know that the activities your child would have been doing on transition day will now be done on Wednesday, 8th September.

Sports Day

We also hoped to have sports day this week, but this too had to be cancelled.

We are moving sports day to the last week in September. Usually, the weather in September is warm enough to be outside, and at this point, we will not have to cancel due to self-isolations. Another bonus will be that we hope that parents/carers can attend and cheer on their children.

It's Coming Home!

Finally, if you and your family are English football fans, you will likely stay up on Sunday night to watch the final. We want to support you by offering you the opportunity to let them sleep in a bit longer and then bringing them into school at 10 am on Monday.

We would rather the children are rested and in school ready to learn than either being absent or grumpy all day.

School (and breakfast club) will be open at the usual time for anyone not interested in the football or parents/carers who need to go to work, but children who arrive at 10 am won't be marked as late and won't miss lessons.

It's 55 years since the men's team reached a major football final, so let them watch, talk about the national anthem, talk about pride and resilience, talking about winning with grace, and possibly dealing with disappointment.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter or you would like to discuss any of the issues raised, please either find me on the playground at drop-off or pick-up, call the school or email me at martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk.

I am looking forward to the last two weeks and all the fun activities we have planned.

Kind Regards,
Martin Lumb,
Headteacher.