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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you are aware that the requirements for schools to have "bubbles" - where children only mix within a fixed year group or class - will come to an end on 19th July. However, because the system of pupils needing to self-isolate if they come into close contact with someone who has tested positive is not due to end until 16th August, we will be keeping our class bubble groups exactly as they are for the final few days of this term. For the same reason, as like with many other schools, other protective measures currently in place will also remain the same until at least the end of this term. This includes our staggered start and finish times, our one-way system, no whole school assemblies and no parents/adults on site unless agreed by a member of staff.

If we allow the children to mix freely across school, it means that more people will be affected in the event of a positive case and we know that no-one wants to hear the news that their child is required to self-isolate at the start of the summer holiday – nor do we want any of the school staff to be in this position. We will continue to do all we can to keep the number of positive cases as small as possible.

I will write to you again before the end of the term to inform you of the plans that we are finalising for how school will operate following the summer holiday – we are fully expecting a return to ‘normality’.

Best regards

Mrs Essex

