

16 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: The Prime Minister's Announcement**

As families will know, on 14 June the Prime Minister announced that Step 3 restrictions will stay in place until 19 July 2021, which will inevitably have an impact on our planning and operations in school for the rest of term.

As you would expect, the school will keep in place its core risk assessment measures for the remainder of the term in line with Government guidance. For example, we continue to operate in year group 'bubbles', require the wearing of face masks in communal areas and promote the 'hands, face, space, fresh air' approaches. It is also encouraged that students continue to take a LFD test twice a week (ideally, before school on Mondays and Thursdays).

Until the Government is in a position to update schools regarding Step 4, we cannot know what measures will need to remain in place for next term; it would seem highly unlikely that some systems of control will not need to remain in place.

The DfE has this week advised that schools must continue to risk assess all activities in line with guidance, stating that 'Outdoor events are generally lower risk' and that schools 'may consider an outdoor event (for example a leavers' celebration ...)'. I am therefore pleased to confirm that our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly/Event on 18 June will be able to take place as previously planned and we very much look forward to celebrating with our Year 11 Leavers at the end of their Springfield Sixth Form Week experience.

However, the DfE has also advised that 'traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year' and I regret that we are no longer able to offer our incoming Year 6 students and their families what had been planned for the week beginning 05 July. We are in communication with colleagues at our key feeder schools to determine what potentially could be offered after 19 July; with so many events being scheduled for that week across the different schools it may be that the transition day for Year 7, as successfully managed this year, moves to the start of next term. If you have a child in Year 6 who is due to join us in September, then we will write to you in due course via your child's primary school with further information.

Similarly, due to restrictions on 'gatherings' and social distancing requirements, the school will not be able to hold on site parents' evenings or similar events this term.

I would take this opportunity to remind politely families that students, staff and other adults must not come onto site if they (or someone in their household) has one of more COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new and continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) and/or have tested positive for COVID-19. We also ask that all visitors, including parents/carers, do not come onto site without an appointment.



I will share any further updates from the Government with families. Until then we will continue to enjoy the rest of term with our students who should continue to attend their school day and timetabled lessons as per current arrangements.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Spivey'.

Ms S F Spivey  
CEO, Headteacher