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Dear Parents and Carers

Delay to lockdown easing and its impact at Harriers

The Prime Minister confirmed last night that the final stage of lockdown easing has been delayed for at least four weeks, until Monday 19th July. This is due to the rising number of cases nationally. The number of cases locally remains low, but is also rising.

This takes us pretty much to the end of term and therefore we will not be easing any of our Covid-19 procedures until the end of the school year, at the earliest. There will also be an impact on some of the events we had planned to hold before the end of term. We had planned these events in the hope that we could welcome visitors back onto site, but this was always done with the caveat that it would have to be in line with government guidance. Further details can be found below:

Sports Day

Sports day will go ahead but we will unfortunately be unable to welcome parents/carers on site to watch. Timings of the day may be altered and we may now split the event over two or more days. Your class teacher will confirm the date via Seesaw.

Year 6 Production

Unfortunately we are unable to hold the performances as planned. Year 6 will continue to rehearse and complete the performance, which will be recorded for families and the rest of the school to watch.

Year 6 leavers events

Details to be confirmed.

Gardening and Art Event

Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled. In its place, pupils will film a video tour for friends and families to watch at home.

EYU picnic

Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled. We may try to rearrange for when the children are in Year 1, and for the current Year 1's who also missed out on this last year.

EYU Welcome Evening

We will no longer be able to host a face to face session for families of children who will be joining us in September but will ensure alternative arrangements are in place.

Trips

Trips are allowed to go ahead, but we will now re-assess to ensure any trips are Covid safe under the extended Government guidance. Your class teacher will contact you directly if there are any changes to your child's trip.

Drop off/Pick up times

These will remain the same, including Fridays, from the same entrances/exits. Please ensure you continue to wear a mask on site, unless medically exempt. Please only enter via the field or office pedestrian gates and exit via the main car park gates. Do not drive into Harriers View unless you have permission from the school.

PE Kits

The opportunity to wear PE kits all day on PE days has been popular with both pupils and staff. From our point of view, we have fewer issues with children forgetting their kit, and not needing to get changed saves significant learning time. We have therefore decided to keep this in place for the foreseeable future.

Pupils will be coming to school in PE kit 2 days a week, so it is essential they are following uniform policy for this. With everything going on, we have been lenient regarding what kit pupils have been wearing, but it is important that the policy is adhered to so pupils are correctly attired for the lesson, look and feel smart in matching kits, and there is no competition over who wears the latest or more expensive brands.

We are very conscious that all school uniform must be as affordable as possible and easily accessible. We will shortly confirm a new PE kit that can be purchased via the school from Cross Embroidery in both badged or unbadged options. We have also checked that all items can be purchased through other retailers (eg Asda and Amazon). If you choose to purchase kit from an external supplier, please ensure that it is either plain or minimally branded (ie no stripes or extra detail, and up to one small logo).

We have decided to change the t-shirt colour from white to navy, as we feel navy is harder wearing (resistant to mud staining) but also easily accessible and affordable in shops and online. If you have recently purchased a white t-shirt, we will allow these to be used for the next academic year.

PE Kit:

- Plain navy joggers
- Plain navy jumper or zip through (not a hoodie)
- Plain navy shorts or skort
- Plain navy t-shirt
- Outdoor trainers
- Indoor trainers or plimsolls
- No sports teams or clubs kit
- Plain, unless it has the Harriers badge

Please keep an eye out for information to follow soon regarding the new PE kit and how you may order.

We know that you will be as disappointed as we are that we have had to make changes to our planned events. Whilst this was not entirely unforeseen, it is disappointing. We were really looking forward to taking the next step in returning to normality and welcoming our school community back to events. Our priority, as that of the country, has to be to keep each other safe, and if that means us keeping things as they are for a little bit longer then that is the right thing to do.

At least England won the football!

Yours faithfully,



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