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Dear Parents/Carers,

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As we move into the last few days of the academic year the staff in school are busy getting classes set up and ready to accept your children back in September. Walking around school today it is easy to forget the challenges that we have all faced over the last six months.

I am writing to you today in a cautionary manner without knowing the possible challenges ahead, but to request that you keep the following pieces of information in the forefront of your minds as we move into the Autumn term from September.

There may be an ongoing need to close for one day or more to reassess the school situation should there be a local lockdown enforced or a new national lockdown. We will always strive to keep the school open, but due to the ever-changing nature of the pandemic and the advice and guidance to schools it not always possible to respond to, and make adjustments in school, at very short notice. This may be true over the summer holiday period so please continue to monitor communications from school and check the website periodically.

Possible issues from a second phase may include; class closures, bubbles closing or a new rota system similar to what has been running over the summer term, with students being offered a set number of days per week. As I have said previously, we will do our utmost to keep the students and staff safe in school, but we cannot always mitigate against all circumstances. We are continuing to develop our working practices to make the school as safe and as functional as possible while minimising risk.

There will be no access to the soft play and sensory room for all groups other than Reception and PMLD classes who will be in their own bubbles. Access to the hydrotherapy pool will also be limited. Learning outside the classroom and trips will only be available where risk assessments are supplied, therefore community learning to local shops and cafes will not be accessible until half term. We will review our current situation in school at this time.

Can I please remind you to remain in your vehicles at drop off and collection time especially from September when there will be an increase in the number of staff/students and people around the school entrance which we will need to control. You may be asked to get back in your vehicle in order for us to be able to safely control this space and time of day.

We wish you a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you back in September.

Yours sincerely,



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