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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer and that your child(ren) had a fantastic break. I am writing to inform you of the changes that The Community Inclusive Trust (CIT) will be making to the covid protocols following the government decision to move to Step 4 of the covid roadmap.

I am delighted that:

- Bubbles will no longer be used. This means that we can have assemblies with more than one class/year group and allow children in different classes to mix as needed.
- Children will be able to sing in class or larger groups.
- School trips will return.
- Staff will be more accessible.

Whilst this is great news we recognise that we need to maintain our risk assessment. As such, each school will:

- Maintain hygiene standards – pupils will still be required to wash/sanitise their hands regularly and cleaning will continue more regularly than was the case prior to covid.
- Maintain changes that have improved school life (this may include lunch or break time arrangements ...). Your headteacher will let you know where this is the case.
- Continue to provide work should a child have covid and have to isolate.
- Continue to provide meals/vouchers for those eligible for free school meals should they have covid and need to isolate.
- Publish a contingency plan on the school website. This will show what will happen should we have a covid outbreak.

It is now no longer necessary for pupils to isolate should they have been in contact with anybody who has tested positive for covid. As such **your child should continue to attend school unless NHS Test and Trace contact you.** As at all other time - should your child develop any covid symptoms then you should:

- Ensure that a PCR test is taken.
- Ensure your child self isolates until the result is given.
- Await a negative result. Then if your child no longer has symptoms they should return to school.
- Isolate as told by test and trace if the result is positive.

Should there be a positive case in your child's class then we will send a letter to remind you that your child should continue to attend.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at each of our schools for the amazing work that they have undertaken during the pandemic. You are all extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and skilled staff in each school.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hill

Director of Education: Mainstream Primary Schools