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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware the Prime Minister yesterday announced Step 4 of the Government's roadmap for the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions for England from 19th July 2021.

The Department of Education has also updated the guidance for how schools are to operate from the same date, which, as you will know includes the final week of term for all schools within Red Kite Learning Trust up until Friday, 23rd July.

As our schools are still open from the step 4 date of 19th July the DfE have stated we may wish to continue with measures to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles') until the end of our summer term. However, longer term the updated Government advice will mean that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision (for example, summer schools) or in schools from the autumn term.

We have decided to follow this advice particularly given the level of Covid-19 cases within our wider communities of both Leeds and Harrogate. In addition, we have decided to ensure all existing control measures inside our school buildings continue in the last week of term e.g., wearing of face coverings, staggered start, and finish times etc. Control measures linked to ensuring good hygiene, enhanced cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

Importantly self-isolation procedures for the management of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in schools in school close contacts will be maintained during the last week of this term. As per the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday this will not change until 16th August when fully vaccinated individuals and under 18's will no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Therefore, if required we will continue to take action to isolate pupils who are in close contact with positive cases of Covid -19 next week.

These measures are important to ensure the safety of pupils and staff and will also reduce the wider transmission of the Covid-19 virus within our school communities which could impact on the start of the summer holiday period for our pupils, staff and families.

I do hope that I can write to you in the new term with better news and we can start to return to all schools operating as normal.

Yours sincerely

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