

Rivington Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As you know, Lancashire is currently experiencing very high and rising infections of the Delta variant of Covid 19. As a result the Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced on Monday that plans to lift restrictions on 21st June have now been delayed for 4 weeks, until 19th July 2021, when there will be a further review.

This time of year is a very and busy exciting time in school, as we plan to welcome our new children into school and say farewell to our Year 6 children, combined with the exciting events all of the children look forward to. We have been busy making plans and looking forward to the weeks ahead as we approach the end of the academic year. However, in light of recent announcements, sadly we have had to make changes to our usual plans. The staff and I have feel very saddened by this and do not underestimate what this will also mean to our children and our families.

Therefore, in light of revised DFE guidance and the current situation in Lancashire, the following changes have been made (some of which you are aware of):

- Sports Day will take place for classes in their bubbles. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this event.
- Summer Fair in our 'bubbles' – parents are unable to attend this event.
- Y6 Leavers Ceremony – this event will be held outside with a risk assessment and strict social distancing. We will have to keep this under review.
- Nursery and Reception taster days have had to be cancelled – a phased approach to starting school for these children will help to support this missed opportunity.
- New starters meetings are now being done virtually.
- Parents Consultations (all classes) – **ONLY IF THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE SCHOOL REPORT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS** – will take place via Zoom.

In addition to the information in this letter you may have been made aware that Parklands High School closed to all pupils and all families/ household members have been asked to take a PCR test. It is possible that some of our families are affected by this request. Therefore if your household has been requested to take a PCR test by Parklands High School and you or a member of your household receives a positive result, including any siblings who attend Rivington, DO NOT send your child into school and please inform us immediately. We will follow the necessary track and trace procedures, to inform any families who may have had close contact with any of our pupils.

We cannot thank you enough for your support and cooperation in these very challenging circumstances. We must all continue to work together to minimise the risks of infection to all members of our school community and keep each other safe. We fully understand the disappointment this situation has caused and will do our very best to celebrate and prepare our children for next year.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Annette