

**Fleet Primary School** 

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## **End of Covid Restrictions Update**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware the Government has announced that they intend to move to Step 4 and remove the majority of restrictions on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. They have not yet confirmed that date but say that they will do so on the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

New guidance has also been issued to schools for when we go into Step 4 and is as follows: 'At Step 4 we will no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). When we proceed to Step 4, this means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision (for example summer schools) or in schools for the autumn term. If your school is still open at Step 4, you may wish to continue with these measures until the end of your summer term'

This is great news and means we can return to normal school operation from the start of the new school year in September. We will still need to monitor all the children for symptoms of Covid and they will still need to get a negative PCR test result before returning to school but we will be able to get back to the more normal operation we have missed so much.

For the remaining few days of term (from the 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>) we will, as per the guidance, be maintaining the current systems of staggered drop offs/pick-ups, keeping classes separate and minimising adults on site. This is also the approach being taken by other Camden schools and prudent given the very high levels of community infection currently being seen in Camden. Hopefully this last effort will minimise any risks to the entire school community before we go our separate ways for the summer and avoid anyone having to self-isolate at the beginning of their well-earned summer break.

We will be in touch again before the end of term with more information on September including your child's class teacher for the year.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year while we have all had to adjust to the restrictions we have been working with.

Yours Sincerely,

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Don M<sup>c</sup>Gibbon Head Teacher