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Dear Parents and Carers

We recognise that the end of the academic year sees many school events some that celebrate pupils' achievements, such as sports days, leavers assemblies and those transition events that enable pupils to prepare for joining school or progressing to another school.

Under the current circumstances, it is vital that COVID control measures are followed to reduce the transmission of COVID 19. It is with this in mind that all headteachers will be reviewing their risk assessments before deciding to hold end of term events.

Such decisions will be informed by the current COVID-19 legislation, local data, case rates and whether the school has an outbreak of COVID-19. As a result of these reviews, headteachers may need to make changes to their end of term arrangements and move at short notice to remote events.

For social events that occur outside of the school timetable the current COVID-19 legislation applies in terms of meeting people both indoors and outdoors.

While this may be disappointing for pupils, we hope that you will understand the ongoing challenges our schools are facing across the borough and the impact that that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on the smooth running of our schools.

Thank you for all that you are continuing to do to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 by adhering to the current restrictions. Headteachers and school staff continue to work hard to provide robust COVID control measures in school, identify and isolate cases and contacts and working jointly with the Council's Public Health team to manage any outbreaks in accordance with national guidance.

With warmest regards

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