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Good afternoon

As I write this letter to you the sun is out and this crazy year just keeps on going! As you will be aware the Prime Minister on Monday moved when the Covid restrictions will end from 21st June to 17th July. This means because we break up on the 16th July we will be under these restrictions until the end of term. We will continue to provide the best education experience for our pupils as possible but we have to be aware that many of the things we normally do will either not happen or will be radically changed.

This means that there will be a change as to how we had planned to do the Year 10 parents evening and we will share more details when the plan has been finalised. We are also having to change how we "do" transition this year. There will be a form of transition both from year 4 to year 5 and from year 8 to year 9 and 11 into 12 but it will not be our normal process. The Heads of School will write out to you with more details regarding transition in the next few days.

I think it is safe to say that Covid especially the Delta variant, is not going away any time soon. I know of schools close to us who are having to send whole year groups home and some are even closing the whole school. At the moment we don't have to do that but that is only because of our strict Covid measures. Please can I ask that you continue to reinforce with your children the need to wash their hands and maintain good social distance. The last thing any of us want is an outbreak this close to the end of the year.

We have been asked why we are not sending home any information with regard to the number of cases as we were doing in the winter. This is simply because we have had no case information to share with you. Please be assured that should the need arise we will send information like this home.

For those parents of pupils in years 11 and 13 the assessed grades information has been submitted to the examboards and we wait to hear the outcome of that. If you have not done so, I strongly urge you to read the information on the website about this year's exam process.

As this half term moves on we are trying to give the young people in our schools some resemblance of normality and it is a pleasure to see the young people engaging in this. I am sure that when we are able to return to "normality" in September all 3 schools will return to the places that everyone enjoys being in.

As always thank you for your continued support in this challenging year. I continue to be grateful for this and ask that you can continue with the Covid messages please. Also, I would like to thank my staff for all they are doing and especially to the high school staff who have had to deal with the difficulties of this year's exam system.

I wish everyone a good safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher