

## ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Partnership with St Helen's Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers at St Helen's and St Mary's,

### Covid-19 'Roadmap' update

Firstly, can I begin by saying a huge continued thank-you for your ongoing support for both, the work of our schools, and also in helping to keep our communities safe by following our systems, staggered starts and guidelines at pick-up and drop-off. We know that they are an inconvenience in many ways, but thank-you for working with us over what has been a long year of restrictions!

As a partnership of schools, we continue to work closely together as senior leaders and governors to review our risk assessments, taking into account the changing elements of school life and the local infection rates. With the changes to national restrictions on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May and then the proposed changes again on 21<sup>st</sup> June, we want to take small and cautious steps forward as we look to bring back many of the elements of school and community life that we have so dearly missed.

#### From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May

From Monday, we will be no longer asking parents, carers and staff to wear masks **on the school grounds** at pickup and drop-off times. We recognise that some adults may feel more comfortable still wearing them and obviously this is absolutely fine. Please can we remind parents to continue to socially distance whenever you are on the school site.

We will continue to ask adults to wear masks when moving around whilst inside the school, as often there are areas where social distancing isn't possible.

All other arrangements, such as bubbles will remain the same for the present time. We are aware of cases in other local schools at the moment and so want to ensure that we continue with this approach to minimise the potential impact on children and staff members in the unfortunate event of a future case(s) at our schools.

#### During Term 6 and hopefully by the 21<sup>st</sup> June

We will be awaiting further guidance from the Local Authority and Department for Education on this, but we hope that at some point during Term 6, and hopefully by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we will be able to lift other restrictions. As a leadership team, we particularly hope that these measures will include:

- Increasing the bubble size to enable children to mix at playtime and lunchtime and see friends who aren't just in their class. This could also enable us to bring back the use of the hall and potentially run events such as Sports Days within larger bubbles.
- Removing the staggered start and finish times to the school day.
- Removing the use of masks in school for staff.

As with the government roadmap, we unfortunately cannot guarantee when we will be able to review these things, but we wanted to communicate our hopes with you and will keep you informed and updated on this.

I hope that you have a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
Andy Spens  
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