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Dear Parents,

Following the advice regarding step 3 changes from May 17<sup>th</sup> given by our Prime Minister, the DFE have released some advice for schools which I copy for you here:

All the **protective measures** we have seen throughout covid **remain in place** including the need to minimise group sizes through bubbles and handwashing etc. These will clearly will be reconsidered at step 4 but we are not there yet.

Face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible.

The guidance now allows transition, taster and open days to happen but schools should complete thorough risk assessments before running transitional, taster and open days to ensure that they are **run in line with your system of controls** and align with the advice contained within this guidance and the roadmap out of lockdown.

Staggered start and end times of the day should remain.

You should avoid large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship with more than one group.

As restrictions begin to lift, some families may be looking to take holidays. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and not take their children out of school on holiday during term time. Where a parent wishes to take their child out of school for whatever reason, the onus is on them to apply for a leave of absence and demonstrate why they believe the circumstances are exceptional. Schools make decisions on granting leave of absence, but will not normally do so for a holiday.

The rules for pupils travelling from amber and green list countries are different and are explained in the rules for entering guidance. Pupils travelling from amber list countries may quarantine at home for 10 days. Pupils travelling from green list countries do not need to quarantine unless their COVID19 test result is positive.

The PHE system of controls remains in place with the emphasis on prevention the same as always:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
2. Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
3. Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
5. Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
6. Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
7. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

In fact, it seems there is to be very little change at step 3 for education. As always, as soon as I have any further advice, I will share with you straight away.

Stars of the week



**Stars w/c 26.4.21 ASM**

Ben - pen pass

Stevie - Science

Times tables - Stevie, Jacob, Daisy

Freya L - contributions in class discussions

Leo - poem

Thomas C for his retelling of the Goldilocks story

**Stars w/c 26.4.21 GB**

Alex- contributions in all class discussions

Stanley- superb work in all lessons

**Stars w/c 3.5.2021 GB**

Tiger-Lily maths and literacy good work

Ella- good concentration

Sam – for perseverance

Orla and Freddie – for being helpful in class

**Stars w/c 3.5.21 ASM**

Emilia - acting

Tommy and Thomas -writing

Ava- mature attitude to learning

Rebecca and Chloe- great librarians

Stevie - Science

**Stars w/c 10.5.2021 ASM**

Freddie B - for great handwriting

Jenson - helping with ICT

Alex - Science

Stevie – pen pass

Matthew - Science

Sam - 100% effort with everything

**Stars w/c 10.5.21 GB**

Libby - enthusiasm and increased confidence with Ukulele

Josh - Maths

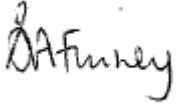
Jack - Writing

Abigail - persuasive writing

Oscar- care and concern for others

Gabriel- manners and kindness to all

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. A. Finney". The letters are dark and fluid, with a distinct loop at the end of the word "Finney".

S. A. Finney  
Headteacher