



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

To all parents and guardians

This week the Prime Minister set out details of the final roadmap step (Step 4) as we transition out of lockdown. Subject to a final review of the data next week, legal restrictions will end on Monday 19 July.

In response to the above announcement The Department for Education has updated guidance for schools. This guidance now says that when the children return in September they are not required to be in separate groups ('bubbles').

Legal restrictions are lifted for the last week of our term. The last week of term can be an unsettling week for many children and this comes at the end of an already very changeable year. In the interest of the children, and to reduce the possibility of potential virus spread before the summer holidays start, the school has made the decision to keep current organisational arrangements in place for the last week of term.

Therefore, for the last week of term, children will remain in their groups, staggered starts will continue and we request that you continue to wear a mask on school premises.

During the summer holiday we will write to you with the details for reopening in September. We will provide you with this information as soon as we can via email, text and on our school website. If you have changed any of your contact details recently, please let us know at [admin@appledoreprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@appledoreprimary.co.uk). As with all decisions, any future changes we make in school are dependent on the any further and future changes to the pandemic during the summer period.

To date, we have been able to keep all teaching groups in school since March and children and staff safe due to the protective measures school and you have taken. We are very grateful to you and thank you.

Best wishes

Richard Thomas  
Chair of Governors

Jeremy Cooper  
Headteacher