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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I would like to take this opportunity to update parents following the Government announcement on Monday 14th June. Here at St Mary's, we continue to put the health & safety of all our community at the heart of all our decisions. Both Miss Britton (Headteacher from the Juniors) and I have met since Boris' announcement to ensure a consistent approach to end of term activities that is the safest for all our families.

Hertfordshire County Council have stated that 'We're now at a crucial time in our fight against coronavirus. we're asking everyone to not drop your guard just yet — Covid-19 is still here.'

Whilst we were all hoping that we would move to Step 4 of the roadmap, unfortunately we are not able to do so. The Prime Minister has made it clear that any decision will be made based on data, not dates, and he is judging this by the 'Four Tests of Easing Restrictions'. Unfortunately, these are still not all met and therefore our risk assessment remains unchanged.

We are however delighted to announce that this year we will be going ahead with sports day for all our pupils as they missed out on this last year. In line with our risk assessment this will be attended by pupils and staff only. We will however send all parents a photograph of their child participating in sports day on Dojo for your memoirs.

With the current date of lifting restrictions being so close to the end of term, all remaining events will continue to be held on the school site and restrictions for parents and non-essential visitors remain unchanged. Meetings with parents will remain virtual.

With regards to Y2 transition, we are pleased to confirm that we are continuing to plan for pupils to have a transition with their new teachers on 8th July 2021. This will be outside at the Juniors. Further details will follow.

As always, should any further announcements be made from the Government that change any of the above, we will keep you updated.

I hope that you go on to have a peaceful end to the week.

Kind regards,

Miss Edey

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