



19 April 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

We hope you enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday.

As promised, given the reduction in COVID infections supported by the rollout of the vaccine programme, we are looking this week at how we might ease some of the restrictions in our schools to support in particular, parents who work. We have really appreciated your support during the pandemic and realise that by stopping all activity before and after school has been problematic for many parents.

The Head teachers and Central Service Managers are meeting on Friday morning to decide exactly how restrictions will be eased and they will write to you following that meeting. It will be very much appreciated if parents might refrain from contacting the schools about this information until the letter comes out as senior managers only have a short time to prepare for this meeting in addition to everything else that they do.

For the foreseeable future, pupils should still continue to arrive at school and therefore leave in a staggered fashion as has been the case from the start of term 1 onwards to facilitate the system of bubbles. Equally, the only visitors in school remain those professionals who support the mental health of some of our pupils.

Regarding our secondary schools, pupils should continue using the lateral flow tests at home including logging the results twice weekly. More supplies have arrived at the schools today to be forwarded to you. In addition, the wearing of masks inside the building must still be followed.

We hope you have a good week.

Nikki King CBE and Andy Reese CEO