



Howard Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Re: Covid safety measures for final week of term

As you will be aware, the government have taken the decision to relax social distancing, mask-wearing and self-isolation requirements from Monday 19th July as part of Step 4 of the national COVID-19 roadmap. This letter is to help clarify any possible confusion that may come up between the National measures and the requirements for schools across England next week.

Whilst the DfE updated guidance states that certain measures *can* be relaxed by schools as of next week, the guidance also clearly states that Local Authority recommendations may require some COVID safety measures to continue.

The school has received clear recommendations from the Director of Public Health and the Director of Education at Croydon Council that **until the end of term, all schools should continue with the current safety measures in place**. This means that we will continue with year group bubbles, staggered entry and exit, staggered play and lunch times and contact tracing as we have been doing over the past 18 months.

We are optimistic that the local authority will make a decision to relax many of these measures as of September, however, we cannot assume that this will be the case. We assume that whatever decision Croydon Council makes will be based on the current rate of infections and hospitalisations in Croydon at that time.

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and understanding during this very challenging period and we very much hope that school life will begin to return to a sense of normality in September.

Yours sincerely,

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