

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AA

*Learning with Love, Strength and Faith, following the example of Jesus*



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Dear St Mary's Families,

## End of Term Update for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

You may be aware that the government have announced that Coronavirus restrictions in schools can be lifted from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, which is four days before the end of the school year for our children.

**We have taken the decision to keep all of our current arrangements in place for the last four days of the school year.** We realise this will be disappointing for some children and we very much wish the situation was different. We have discussed it thoroughly and with just four days to go, we do not wish to be the cause of any more families being required to isolate ahead of the summer holidays. By allowing the children to mix across the whole school, it increases their risk of being asked to self-isolate if there is a positive case. If there is a positive case in the bubble, NHS Test and Trace will ask that person to identify close contacts and work with the school to decide who needs to self-isolate.

We are aware of an increasing number of adults and children in our local area currently being asked to isolate and these numbers are predicted to continue to rise in the next few weeks. We do not want anything to spoil the last few days of term and the events we have planned – such as the production and the leavers' service.

The children will remain in their existing bubbles for the last four days of term (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July) with the drop-off and pick-up arrangements remaining the same.

We will be very pleased to return to a (hopefully) much more normal school year in September.

We will write to you next week with more details on this, and any other relevant changes, and if there is any revision to our plans or changes to the guidance before September, we will let you know **before** the children are due back in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

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