



12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my communication on 21<sup>st</sup> June and in light of a recent agreement amongst all Lighthouse Trust Schools, I am writing to confirm that we will not be able to relax our current risk assessment guidelines on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. All of our precautions will remain in place until the end of this term. With government announcements now urging caution; we feel this decision is completely the right one.

We realise this news will be disappointing for some, however infection rates continue to rise across our local communities and relaxing our restrictions for this short period of time, prior to the children and staff starting their summer break would not be a sensible approach. We have a number of children and families who are currently self-isolating as a result of positive cases, therefore maintaining our measures and keeping, as far as possible, our working environment safe for our staff and families is paramount.

My previous letter set out our end of term plans for events and activities which are all well underway. The children and staff are really enjoying organising and videoing celebrations to share with you and the schools are full of songs and laughter. The children are excited about sharing these with you at home this year and celebrating within their classes with our staff. Individual class information and updates will come directly from teachers over the coming week.

I would finally like to take this opportunity in thanking you all for your fantastic support this year. Your kind messages and patience in response to all of the changes, has been so keenly appreciated. Our small school staff have worked so incredibly hard and have faced what sometimes have felt like insurmountable challenges with such positivity and determination. Our children alike, have faced a very different schooling experience but have shown courage and resilience when their lives have been turned upside down in some cases, overnight. This has made me enormously proud of our whole collaboration community and has truly shown our schools' visions and values in action.

From the staff and governors, we wish you all a very happy summer. Mr Harvey and Mrs Brown will be contacting you shortly before the start of the new term to update you on how the return to school will look in September.

Sending my very best wishes as always  
Jane Bailey