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Parents,

No new Covid guidance has been forthcoming from the Department for Education, however with reduced case numbers in the area, we have been reviewing our risk assessments and planning the next steps. Please note these proposed changes may have to be cancelled or delayed if the national 'roadmap' or other factors change. We plan to start with changes in the Infants first. Although there is an increase in risk because of the changes, it is felt that these are reasonable and minimised by the local rate of infection.

Date	Infants - Reception and Years 1 & 2	Juniors- Years 3,4,5,6
Monday May 17 th	Drop off between 8:45am- 8:55am (any time in this window is fine – doors close at 8:55am) Pick up : 3:15pm for all infant children Lunch in dining hall – 2 sittings – tables spread, sitting in year groups using plates, knives and forks. No change in menu. Packed Lunches allowed. Mixed age playtimes outside	No change overall: No changes to drop off and pick up times. Staying in separate bubbles at playtimes. Lunches in classrooms as now.
Monday June 21 st	No change from above	Playground supervised from 8:45am Children enter classrooms at 8:55am Pick up 3:20pm for all junior classes Lunch remains in classrooms Possibly mixed age playtimes – but it may not be worth the risk for the last weeks of term

Sunrise and Sunset Clubs will continue to need 72 hours notice for bookings, the juniors will remain in separate bubbles indoors but will be allowed to mix outdoors from May 17th

We will continue with separate year group toilets and regular handwashing/sanitising. We ask you to be super cautious about sending children to school when there are signs of illness. We will continue to require parents to wear masks on premises and stay socially distant. The one-way routes will continue and Year 2 and Year 3 will continue to drop off and pick up from the rear of school and are encouraged to use the Huntley close gate to exit. Finally, although the guidance for people to gather out of school for social events like birthdays may be relaxing, we will maintain the request not to hand out birthday party invitations in school and will continue not to distribute birthday treats from home at the end of the day.

Infant children will keep their coats and book bags in class, packed lunch boxes will be put in cubbies. Please don't send a child with a backpack instead of a book bag as these are too bulky for the classrooms. There is also a request from teachers that children find it difficult to concentrate in class when it is noisy outside- particularly Year 2 and 3 parents are asked not to arrive too early, keep younger children under control and be conscious that there are children learning in Years 2,3 and Year 6 above until 3:20pm- perhaps listening to someone reading the class novel. Those walking past Year 4 and 5 to the junior playground are also asked to be respectful that learning is taking place nearby. Thank you.

Given that these plans are cautious and the changes are for the most part outside where there is less risk of infection, if a parent has concerns about any of these plans please contact head@greatwood.lancs.sch.uk With thanks. Have a super bank holiday weekend. John Ross

