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Dear Parents

## COVID Update

I can't believe in a week's time we'll be breaking up for the Whitsun half-term holiday - this year has really flown by and for very obvious reasons.

I wanted to update you with the next steps for 'unlocking of schools'. At present we have not received any change in advice from the local authority regarding the easing of restrictions in our schools. Which means for the time-being we are in a 'status quo' situation - nothing is changing. Whilst that may seem contrary to the gradual unlocking in wider society this week, with people being able to meet larger groups and eat inside - amongst other changes, in school we await further guidance.

I hope (I really do hope) that when we get nearer to what is being called 'the end of restrictions' on June 21st, we will have greater clarity about what we can and cannot do in schools. There is still some hesitancy regarding the effects of the B.1.617 strain, informally known as the Indian Variant, so we will have to wait and see what happens next.

We have had a few parents enquire about mask wearing on site and whether we will be holding sportsdays and other such events. As I stated earlier in this letter, we will not be changing anything until we get further guidance. I know that some of you want to be able to plan ahead and get things in your diaries but at this stage I cannot give you details of things which we genuinely do not know whether we'll be able to do - basically I don't want to give you any false hopes.

I suspect what will likely happen is that as soon as I send this letter, the next day some guidance will appear in my inbox, so please watch this space and when I hear more, you will be the first to know!

Thank you for your continued support.

**Simon Wakeman**  
Executive Head