

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

On Monday the Government announced that the current restrictions are to be extended until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July due to the increasing spread of the Delta variant across the country. Cheshire East and West are currently high in case numbers and the Government has announced that both these regions have been identified as a 'Enhanced Resource Area' to help combat the rapid rise of the Delta (Indian) variant across the borough.

This variant is more transmissible than previous variants and cases are rising in other areas of the north west, including Cheshire West, Greater Manchester and Lancashire, which have also been placed into this category, along with a growing list of areas across the country.

Designation as an Enhanced Resource Area is not a local lockdown or a return to a tiered system. It means the council can access a range of support and guidance to address rapidly rising infection rates. This can include driving vaccine uptake for eligible people, the possibility of requesting military aid, additional testing support – including schools testing, and other assistance and support.

Therefore, in response to this situation our local authority within the education sector have advised that schools must maintain their strict covid systems and therefore we will need to revert to our plan B model of how events in the following weeks will run. I appreciate that this may appear to not match current wider society rules, however, we are governed by DFE and LA rules which currently advise against non-essential visitors and maintaining the rule of 30 outdoors for larger events.

My prime concern is that all bubbles in school are intact and we stay in the building as a school community. It is disappointing that things like Sports Day, transition visits and end of year celebrations are not able to go ahead in their usual format again this year but we are doing a great deal to give the children some much needed fun and excitement in this final term.

### School Fest

You will now have received information regarding our Schools Fest week beginning on June 28<sup>th</sup> and running until July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are delighted to say that School Fest is still able to take place as all activities have been planned using our 'bubble' structure. A full, complete and detailed risk assessment has been completed and we will as we have always done be following strict prevention and infection control measure.

### Sports Day

Our Sports days will take place on either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of July depending on the weather. Unfortunately, due to the rules around groups of 30 mixing outdoors we are going to hold the event this year without parent spectators. I know this is hugely disappointing for parents as it is an enjoyable, social day for all involved. We will though be sharing highlights of the day through photos and videos which we will be posting via Facebook and our school newsletter.

### Star Day

So, that parents can share in the wonderful work their children have been producing this year we will be sending home **ALL** books for you to look through and discuss with your child on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July along with the Star Day discussion sheet. We ask that all books are then returned back to school on Wednesday



14<sup>th</sup> July with the completed Star Day discussion sheet which will be shared with your child's current and forthcoming class teacher.

I had hoped to have been in a position to welcome you all back to school this summer for the events listed above. Unfortunately, this has not been the case.

However, I am hopeful that by holding the events in the way we have now planned the children will still have some much needed fun and excitement which can be shared with you in a more 'out of the box' thinking manner.

Many thanks for you continued support and encouragement.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N M Badger". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

N M Badger

School Principal &  
RCSAT Executive Headteacher