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Dear Parents

Please can I thank you for your support and patience during this term. Staff and pupils have worked tirelessly to get back into the routine of daily school life, and have coped with all the differing arrangements we have in place.

You may have seen in the news that schools can make changes to their social distancing arrangements from Monday 19 July. We have decided that at all schools in the Leodis Academies Trust that our existing systems of hygiene controls will remain in place until the end of term.

There will be no changes to our current operational plans which include arrangements of bubbles, lunchtimes, staggered start and/or finish times. We still expect staff to wear masks in communal areas.

Positive cases remain higher than national average in the surrounding areas. The use of bubbles and other controls in our operational plan will minimise the potential disruption at the start of the school holidays should there be any positive cases identified in our school. Pupils are also familiar with the current arrangements and will cause less anxiety and disruption to change routines in the last week of term.

Whilst the NHS Track and Trace will take over contact tracing from Monday 19 July, there will still be a requirement for any staff or pupil identified as a close contact of a positive case to self-isolate until the restrictions are lifted on 16 August 2021. If your child has been asked to self-isolate prior to 19 July, then they will only be able to return to the Academy at the end of the communicated isolation period.

We are currently reviewing all of the new guidance and our planned operations for September will be communicated before the end of term.

We continue to work closely with Leeds City Council in this respect and will communicate with you if required over the holiday period.

Kind regards,

Karen Hyams
Principal
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