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Dear parent/carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday that restrictions will be lifted on the 19th July, we are sure you are feeling some sense of hope. Usually, when an announcement is made, it takes a few days before further guidance is given to schools regarding what the implications within a school setting. It is great to hear that there is to be a review of the isolation arrangements for children who have been in close contacts with a positive case as this would lead to a reduction in the number of children not being in school and having to learn from home. Once we know the full scope of our expectations we will inform you but until now it is business as usual.

Sports Day

We are very much hoping that this dreadful rain will blow away and we are able to continue with our plans for sports day. Just a reminder that your child will need to wear a coloured t-shirt to represent their house:

Radcliffe	Risley	Culcheth	Holcroft

A text will be sent out today to serve as a reminder as to which house your child is in. Let's keep those fingers crossed and pray for sunshine.

Recently, there are a few areas we feel that need to be tweaked in order to ensure the smooth running of the school and ensure more efficiency and safety. Please could we draw your attention to the following:

Drop off and collection

It is great to see so many of our Newchurch families supporting one another with the drop off and collection of children each morning and after school. As part of our safeguarding, it is important that the procedures for releasing children at the end of the day are followed. Please could we ask that you send an email to school via <u>newchurch primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk</u> or telephone 01925 763427 to inform us if your child is being picked up by another parent. The details will be passed onto the teaching team for your child and there will be no confusion at home time. If the school have not been



informed, we will not allow your child to leave the premises. Many thanks in anticipation of your cooperation with this and hope you understand the reasoning behind the request.

Holidays in term time

We appreciate that many of us have not been able to get away much due to the pandemic and understand that a family holiday is a special experience. Attendance at school is statutory and our policy states that holidays in term time are not authorised. However, if you need to take your child out of school for any reason, please ensure that the request is made on the form on our school website (under the 'useful information' tab) **prior** to the absence. Attendance is monitored very carefully by the school, the attendance governor and also the local authority attendance team.

Lines of communication

Please could we remind you that if there is an incident in school regarding your child which you would like to discuss, your first port of call should be the class teacher. As they (along with the teaching assistants and middays) are with your child in their class bubbles, they are best placed to explain any incidents and give greater clarity on the any events surrounding it. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office and the message to contact you will be given to the class teacher. It may be that they ring you at lunchtime or at the end of the day.

After speaking initially with the class teacher, should you feel that your concerns have not been resolved, please contact a member of the senior leadership team: Mr Duckett, Mr Singleton, Mrs Conreen (SENCO) or Mrs Sizer. Please be assured that at all levels, I will be aware of the conversations.

Should you continue to be concerned, then an appointment can be made to speak with myself. If it is a safeguarding concern, then the incident must go directly to me as the Designated Safeguarding Lead and in my absence either Mr Duckett or Mrs Sizer.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued and valued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher

