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Dear Parents/Carers,

Again, can we say a heartfelt thank you for your support for our arrangements to keep the school day as normal as possible for the children and for your compliance with wearing face coverings around the school premises. Hopefully our combined measures will keep our wider community healthy despite the rising numbers of cases, particularly in the Leigh area.

We are going to begin another change on Monday – although it will only affect the school day and will not directly impact on you. We have been very concerned about the lack of outside play for the children, necessary because of the class bubble system in a very restricted playground space. We are particularly concerned about the lunch hour when the children are only outside, playing, for 15 minutes.

From Monday, we will be sending the children into the playground at lunchtime in year group bubbles. This means that each year group will have half an hour outside with a bigger play space and a chance to see friends across the year group. This will give them more time in the fresh air, in an external environment which is Covid-safe.

Year 3 and 4 will eat at 12.00 in the classroom. They will then go into the playground at 12.30pm. Year 5 and 6 will go into the playground at 12.00 and then come back inside to eat at 12.30pm. When outside the two year groups will still be kept apart in zoned areas.

The children were very excited about this change when they were told during our virtual assembly today.

Keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Cheryl Woolf
Executive Headteacher

John Lear
Head of School