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Dear Parents/Carers.

In line with the recent government delay for the easing of restrictions and with the increased concern for the spread of COVID-19 as part of both the local area and across the country (Data links: [BBC](#)/[Gov.uk](#)), I am writing to you to update you on King's Oak Academy's response to minimise the risk of transmission in the academy.

### Upcoming school events:

- The Acorn Sports Day on Friday 9 July and Secondary Sports Day on (date tbc.) will be held as socially distanced, pupil only events with only school staff and some additional volunteers in attendance.
- The Reception Grimsby Farm, Year 2 SS Great Britain and Year 4 Hooke Court trips scheduled to take place this week are cancelled – parents have been contacted separately.
- The Year 5 Hooke Court camp will now take place on **Wednesday 14 – Friday 16 July 2021** – more information will be shared directly with Year 5 parents.
- Reception and Year 6 pupil transition days will be reduced and delivered in a socially distanced format. We will continue to review the opportunity for these to take place each week.
- There will be no Friends of KOA Summer fayre this year.

### Within school:

- **All staff are continuing to complete lateral flow tests (LFT)** twice a week and we advise all students in Y7-11 to do this as well.

Please be aware that we have noticed a decline in the number of students collecting LFT kits and would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that this is an extremely important control measure to reduce the spread of the virus & identify asymptomatic positive cases.

Lateral Flow Testing kits can be collected each day from the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

- We have **reinforced all the controls that we already have in place to minimise the spread of any infections** (e.g. hand sanitisation and classroom cleaning routines).
- Extra-curricular clubs & Teddy Bears provision is still running for all students in our standard bubble formats.
- **We strongly encourage all staff and students in Year 7-11 to wear face coverings** whilst moving across the academy site in indoor areas e.g. corridors or where social distancing cannot be maintained.

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- Wherever possible, **we will seek to meet with parents virtually or on the phone** to discuss children's progress and support. We have also reduced and restricted the number of external visitors attending the school site.

**Arriving and collecting from school:**

- We strongly encourage **parents to resume wearing masks when arriving & leaving the school** each day, especially whilst waiting for children in the Acorn playground.
- **Staff will also resume wearing masks as part of the 1 metre+ controls at the classroom door or when speaking with parents.**
- Please remember that only **1 parent per family should be present at drop off and collection** and all families should adhere to the staggered arrival and departure times.

Please note many of these decisions have been made to reduce the spread of infection to staff, children, and families in the community. We are very mindful that families have holidays booked at the start of the summer holidays and other special occasions at the weekends and with your support to reduce the chances of children and staff becoming infected, we can avoid isolation periods or year/bubble closures for all in the final 5 weeks of school (21 school days).

If you have any questions regarding our Covid-19 control measures or need to report a positive LFT/PCR test, please email [koacovid@clf.uk](mailto:koacovid@clf.uk) or call 01179 927127.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this time.

Kind regards



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