

Dear Parents/Carers,

## West Heath Primary School Covid Recovery Plan

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and that you were able to take advantage of some of the Government easing of Coronavirus restrictions.

In light of the Government's recovery plan, I have reviewed our West Heath Primary School Covid 19 Management Plan. Over the coming weeks we will be making some changes in school so that we can begin our school 'Road to Recovery.'

All staff will have received their second vaccine in the next couple of weeks and Lateral Flow Tests are taking place twice each week. Your children have been a credit to you in their adaptation to new routines within school and your support has been instrumental in our management of the situation over the past 13months! I feel that it is the right time to begin to bring our school community back together again!

### Key changes in our school

**From 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021** - children will be in year group bubbles not class bubbles. This will give them the opportunity to play with children across their year group and give them access to a wider range of activities at playtime and lunchtime. At this point in time, children will only be able to mix with another class outside.

**From 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021** -teachers will not be required to wear masks whilst teaching either in the classroom or outside. All staff will still be expected to wear masks in social areas and all parents/carers will be expected to wear a mask on the school site.

**From 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – year group assemblies will begin. Assemblies will take place either in the school hall or outside.

**From 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021** –Year 6 swimming lessons will resume; more information will be sent to Year 6 parents/carers next week.

**From 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021** - after school interventions will begin. More information will follow.

Public Health England advice and Government directive will be referred to at all times! At this point in time, the implication of our changes would mean that both classes within the year group would have to isolate if there was a confirmed case of Covid 19.

**From 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021** – children will be in phase bubbles not year group bubbles (i.e. Year 1/2, Year 3/4, and Year 5/6).

**From 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021** – sports competitions will restart.

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**From 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**- children in Years 2 - 6 will be placed into Maths sets within their year group.

## **Summer Term**

Sports Week and the Fun Run are highlights of our school year and we are making plans to host them again in July 2021. These events may look different to previous years, but we are optimistic that we will be able to share these events with you. More information will follow the Whitsun school break.

I am extremely grateful for the support you have shown during the turbulent year we have all experienced. I don't think it is luck that we have had so few cases in our school; I think it is the collective effort of our school community, which has kept everyone safe. Please continue with your support by keeping your children with you at the start and end of the school day, wearing a mask or face covering on the school site, and maintaining social distance! The pandemic is still a significant risk to everyone so continued vigilance is important! Small, safe steps will help us to regain some sort of normality.

Very best wishes and stay safe.

Mrs Hooper