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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you as to the progress with our COVID risk assessment. Over the coming months, as national restrictions ease, we will be gradually easing our measures in school. We are resolute that it is essential that we are keeping our community safe; however, we are also very aware of the negative impact some of the restrictions has on children's learning and social development. As such, we have been in contact with the Department of Education Coronavirus Department and have put in place a gradual plan to return to normality.

This week, we have begun to rearrange our classrooms so that children are sat in groups where they are able to collaborate effectively. We are also removing the social distancing expectation in Owl class and making teachers wearing of facemasks in class optional. Because of the fact that staff are taking corona virus tests twice a week, we are maintaining a bubble system and we are employing enhanced hygiene measures, it has been deemed that within the needs of our setting, this is a safe and sensible balance between the risks associated with COVID and the effective learning of the children.

After half term, it is our intention to suspend the bubble system outside. At this time, children will be allowed to play with their friends from different classes and enjoy their lunch together. We will, however, still keep to our bubble system inside. This is inline with the government roadmap and we feel is proportionate when considering the positive impacts this would have on our children.

From June 21<sup>st</sup> we intend to suspend the bubble system completely. However, we will continue to take additional precautions such as enhanced cleaning and handwashing.

My perception is that having drop off windows at the start and end of the day are beneficial for parents and help to ease congestion. Therefore, I am opening a consultation to decide whether to make this permanent. Please express your opinion by accessing <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LW83BB2> We would appreciate as many replies as possible- it is very quick and should take a matter of seconds to do.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me either through Class Dojo or on [head@trekener.net](mailto:head@trekener.net)

Yours Sincerely  
Mr Wheeler

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