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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson made an announcement regarding the operation of schools as we move to Step 4 of the roadmap. In addition, the Local Authority have briefed all Headteachers this week.

From September school will not need to operate in 'bubbles' either in the classroom, on the playground and at lunchtime. Assemblies, clubs and educational visits can all now resume.

Staff will no longer be required to wear a face covering (unless they choose to). Good hand hygiene, appropriate cleaning and ventilation will continue into the Autumn Term.

There will be a plan in place should there be a local outbreak and advice would be given at this point. Pupils should not come into school if they have symptoms or a positive test. The need for class bubbles to self-isolate for 10 days, if there is a positive case, no longer applies from the 16th August 2021. Instead, NHS Test and Trace inform families that their child has been a close contact.

The guidance states that current measures should where possible remain in place until the end of the academic school year. At Uplands, we intend to follow this other than for our current Year 6 who will be given the opportunity to mix outside as a year group in order to sign shirts and autograph books on the last few days.

This has been the most difficult of academic years but your children have coped so well and demonstrated great resilience. I thank you all so much for your support and understanding. I look forward to September and the opportunity for us to operate closer to 'normality.'

Yours sincerely

Mrs Webster-Smith
Headteacher

