



**Head Teacher**

Miss Emma Churchman

**16 June 2021**

Dear Families,

After the government announcement last night that restrictions will be in place for another four weeks, we have had to make changes to our Sports Day planning. The restrictions have been delayed due to rising number of COVID19 cases and the rise in hospital admissions.

As a school, our priority since the start of the pandemic has been to keep our community safe. I hope you agree the measures we have put in place have enabled us to do this successfully. I am aware from Parent Council families would prefer for two parents to attend the event. I am sorry we are not able to accommodate this at this point. I know of many local schools that are not permitting any parents to Sports Day this year. I feel for the school community and the children that a parent attending is important. However, we are going to do this with strict controls in place.

Sports day will take place on **Monday 5 July** for the children in their bubbles. One parent per family will be permitted to attend. I am sorry that for some families this may be an issue. However, we are going to ask arrangements are discussed within families and this is not a school issue.

I know this may appear harsh as large sporting events are permitted to take place. However, I am the person responsible for our school community and keeping everyone safe. So one parent per family will be permitted into school and will be seated on a chair socially distanced from others. Parents will be zoned off away from the children. There will be no contact between children and their families during the event. I am sorry, but for this event we will not be permitting younger siblings. I would hope that by writing to you now you will be able to plan childcare. If you have a newborn baby, then they will be allowed to come with the parent. Spectators are asked to wear a face mask entering the school playground which can be removed once seated.

The children in EYFS/ KS1 will have their sporting events in the morning from 10.00am to 11.30am. Parents can arrive between **9.45am and 9.55am**. There will be **no entry** after this time. During this period adults will not be permitted to leave the site.

The children in KS2 will enjoy their sporting events in the afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Parents can arrive between **1.15pm and 1.25pm**. There will be **no entry** after this time. During this period adults will not be permitted to leave.

The PTA will not be selling refreshments at the event, we hope at the end of the sporting activities that the children will enjoy an iced lolly.

I would hope all families will support us by following the guidance we are giving. I also hope you know me well enough to know this is not how I want to organise MPA events, but at this point I must ensure the safety of the children, their families and the staff.

Please can I remind you your child will need to wear a house colour t shirt for this event. If you are unsure of colour, then please speak to your child or ask their class teacher. They will need their regular pe shorts, socks and trainers. Please also ensure they have a hat and a named water bottle. Can we also ask you apply sun cream before school. The children will be under a gazebo to further protect them from the sun. If we have rain or thunderstorms, then we will postpone the event until Monday 12 July.

As always if you would like to discuss any issues raised in this letter then please contact the school office.

Kind regards

Miss E Churchman  
Head Teacher