



16 July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you will know, Step 4 of the lifting of COVID restrictions will commence on Monday 19 July. As a school, given the rising number of Covid cases locally we feel it will be sensible to continue following our current Covid risk assessment up until the end of the summer term. Please follow the link, <https://www.scalbyschool.org.uk/secmsfile/?id=2355> if you need to remind yourself of these arrangements. This means staff will continue to adhere to social distancing guidance and continue to wear masks in communal areas. We would also ask that students are mindful that Covid is present in our community, and that they act responsibly with this in mind when interacting with other students. Further to this, students will remain in year group bubbles until the end of term.

The main change next week will relate to student self-isolation. From Monday 19 July, DFE guidance states that Test and Trace will take over responsibility for identifying close contacts of students that have tested positive. They will work with families and then school's to identify those people who have had close contact with the student that has tested positive. Test and Trace will then make contact with those students identified as close contacts and inform them of the appropriate action.

When the new term starts in September our current plan is that the school will return to pre-Covid routines. We will inform parents and students at the earliest possible moment of any information we receive from the DFE that means these plans need to change. Further information will be sent out next week about arrangements for the beginning of term. Year group start dates will vary due to students needing to be Lateral Flow Tested when they return from the summer holidays.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Robertson
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