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To all Parents/Carers,

As you have no doubt become aware, positive cases of Covid-19 are slowly rising in school and we continue to be faced with the difficulties that this presents. We hope those that have tested positive, as always, are feeling ok and we wish them a speedy recovery. Currently only our Y4 bubble is closed but an increasing number of children/adults in the school community are going for PCR tests. Please do remember the following:

- Do not under any circumstances send your child to school if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19. Book a test immediately and all members of the household must self-isolate until you have the result.
- Even if your child returns a negative lateral flow test, you must still book a PCR one as soon as the symptoms are present to confirm either way.

Despite this being a recurring message over the last 12 months we are still having to ring parents/carers and deliver this message. Please see attached letter from the Local Authority.

Message from the PTFA about the Summer Celebration

After consultation with School and our local partners, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone the PTFA Summer Celebration.

We know this will make many of you sad, and it really is sad for us too. We were so looking forward to giving the school community the opportunity to celebrate the end of a challenging year. However, we believe that it is right to cancel in the context of bubble closures and increasing infection rates in the community. The last thing we want is to put the event on, and then find it has led to children or parents and carers becoming unwell.

Thank you to all our volunteers and those who have brought donations in to school. The donations will be saved for our next event, which we hope will be in the Autumn term.

The Sumer Raffle will be drawn this Saturday (the original date for the Summer Celebration) in line with the date printed on the raffle tickets (you can still return your money and ticket stubs on Friday!). We will contact all winners so they can collect their prizes before the end of term.

A huge thank you to all of you that have supported our events this year, we really do appreciate it! So far you have managed to raise over £4500 which is amazing in the circumstances. All of this money will be invested back into school.

If you would like to donate to the PTFA there is still an opportunity to do so by following this link to our Big Cartel Shop [Markeaton Primary School PTFA](#)

19th July

Lockdown restrictions are easing from the 19th July but I just wanted to confirm that nothing will change in school e.g. staggered times, bubbles etc as these are expected to stay in place until the [16th August](#). All processes for a positive Covid-19 case will remain the same and everything will go back to 'normal' from September. **Please continue to wear masks during drop off and collection – thank you.** With one eye on September, and after an analysis of the 'Leavers and Keepers' section of the questionnaires, the following has been decided for the start of the new school year (with further details to follow in September when we are nearer to coming back).

- Children will continue to come in their PE Kits on the days they have PE. They will be asked to wear a T-Shirt which is the same colour as their house. These will be available from our uniform provider Simply Uniform.
- Homework will still be set on Teams. However, if your child would like to bring their project in to school then they can do that too. We are also considering how else to use Teams in an effective way.
- Staggered start and end times will stop from September. This means that the school day will start at 8:50am and end at 3:25pm like it used to (with breaktimes and lunchtimes back to how they were).
- Parents/Carers will be given the option to drop their child at the gate or come on to the playground – it is entirely up to you.
- Parent/Carer Meetings will be a blend of face to face and virtual. We will also be hosting more regular Parent/Carer 'Pop Ins' each half term where you can come into school and see your child's work from their most recent topic.

A full breakdown of all of the questionnaire responses will be available in September.

Thank you for your continued understanding during a challenging and unpredictable time for the school. Even though Arts Week was postponed this week it didn't stop the children being creative in their own classrooms!



Have a lovely weekend
Mr I. Johnson