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Delay to easing of COVID restrictions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Like you, we were disappointed but not surprised to hear Boris Johnson's announcement yesterday evening that further easing of COVID restrictions has been paused.

This has clear implications for school activities for the rest of the year as our current COVID precautions will now remain in place at Shelton until the end of term. We will continue to keep children in their current class "bubbles", maintain the staggered start and end of day, staggered break and lunchtimes and maintain our policy of only receiving essential visitors to school.

Sadly this means that a number of planned events cannot now go ahead as we had hoped:

1. We are not able to invite you to sports day which will now run with children only on Friday 2nd July.
2. We have yet to receive confirmation about year 6 transition days from the secondary schools but we are sure they will be reviewing their options and will let us know soon if this can go ahead within the current restrictions.
3. The PTA meeting planned for 22nd June has been postponed until September, date to be confirmed.
4. Our open morning that we had hoped to run for new and existing families will now be postponed until September. We will be in touch with a date for this as soon as we can.
5. Our end of year discos that had been planned for the end of term are also unable to go ahead due to the continuing of restrictions.
6. The planned end of year 6 events will also now not be able to take place indoors. However, we are determined to make the end of primary school memorable for our children who have done such an amazing job through the pandemic this year so we have planned a special outdoor "Inflatable Fair" day for our year 6 children (sorry no parents!) on Wednesday 21st July. More information will be sent to year 6 parents shortly.

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We are also really pleased to let you know that our building work to give us a new roof in the year 3 & 4 classrooms is still going ahead over the summer. We are also redecorating all the year 5 & 6 classrooms so that our children have the very best possible learning spaces – look out for pictures soon!

Although we are sad that we can't do as much together as we'd like, throughout the pandemic we have prioritised the safety of our children and families and we understand the need to keep restrictions for a little longer. We have already started to plan many times that we can get together again next year, and we are all looking forward to showing off the improvements that we are making at Shelton!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Bacon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Jon Bacon
Headteacher

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