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Dear Kingsnorth/Brenzett School Community,

We pray this letter finds you safe and well as we prepare for the end of another school year.

We are sure you have seen the recent announcements from the Government in relation to 'Step 4' of the Covid regulations and we wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the schools' response to these changes.

The changes announced will come into effect from Monday 19 July and can be found at this link - www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-confirms-move-to-step-4

As you will be aware the school finishes for the summer break at lunchtime on Tuesday 20 July. This timescale does not allow for much time and given that we have been in lockdown of some form for 17 months, any changes in procedures and protocols would need a period of transition and support for all our children and staff. As the Prime Minister himself said, "This is not the end of Covid." Lockdown easing will "only work if people are cautious".

At all times during this long period, the school and school staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of all our school community. The measures we have put in place and the risk assessments we have implemented have safeguarded our school.

Given the timescales mentioned above and the current situation with 3 bubbles closed and a growing number of cases locally, we deem it in the best interests of all our school community to keep with the current practices and current risk assessment.

As Parliament is continuing with its current procedures until the summer recess on 22 July, we believe that the same should happen in school. We also know, that in the best interest of many of our children who will need support and assistance during a transition period, that the timescales afforded will not allow for this to happen.

We appreciate that this may not be the relaxation that some had hoped for, but we must be mindful of all our children and our whole school in any decision that is made.

We hope that you have an enjoyable summer break, and we really do hope that we can come back in September with more 'usual' systems in school. However, the situation is so fluid and changing frequently, we will inform you ahead of the start of term of any changes we expect to be in place.

Yours sincerely,

The School Governors and SLT.