



[plains.farm@inspiremultiacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:plains.farm@inspiremultiacademytrust.co.uk)  
[www.plainsfarmacademy.co.uk](http://www.plainsfarmacademy.co.uk)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Due to the recent announcement made by Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education. Mr Williamson told parliament that “key restrictions” would be dropped for schools from Step 4 of England’s “roadmap” out of lockdown, planned for 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**The removal of key restrictions means:**

- there is no requirement for ‘bubbles’ within schools
- there is no requirement for staggered starts or ends to the school day
- we can resume whole school assemblies/collective worship
- face coverings for staff are not needed in communal areas

**He also identified that from August 16th:**

- under 18s do not need to self-isolate if they have been in ‘close contact’ with a positive COVID case, meaning pupils do not need to be sent home if a classmate/staff member tests positive
- Schools do not need to do track and trace

**Schools are still asked to:**

- continue the system of both hand hygiene and ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’
- continue a cleaning regime in classrooms of at least twice per day
- continue providing ventilated classrooms
- provide remote education for those isolating

**As a school, we will also be:**

- Removing the one-way system so access to and from school can be made via Tudor Grove or Premier Road
- Changing the staggered start times:  
**EYFS: 8.50am – 9am**  
**Key Stage 1 and 2: 8.40am – 8.50am**
- Removing the staggered finish times:  
**EYFS: 3pm or 12pm for Part-time children and children finishing on a Wednesday lunchtime**  
**Key Stage 1: 3.10pm**  
**Key Stage 2: 3.15pm**

We will communicate any other changes nearer the end of the summer holidays.

Take care and have a fabulous summer.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Cassidy

