



Cherry Tree Learning Centre, Overfield Road,  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the Summer Term comes to a close I wanted to thank you and your children for engaging with us in such a positive way throughout what has been the most challenging of years for us all. The term has ended on such a positive note with all of the pupils taking part in a Fun Day. The whole school took part and we as staff felt very proud of our school community, your children were polite and a real credit to you.

The last day of term will be 20<sup>th</sup> of July and the pupils will be finishing at 12.30pm. We will be saying a fond farewell to three members of staff Mrs Kasper, Mrs Bishop and Mr Francis who will all be retiring. They have all worked at Cherry Tree for a number of years and dedicated their long careers to educating, caring and improving the lives of pupils.

There will be training days for the Teachers on 21<sup>st</sup> July, and then when we return 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.

#### Step 4

I am sure that you are aware that the Government will be indicating a move to 'Step 4' of the recovery pathway at the start of next week. All of the indications around infection rates seem to be showing an increase, and we cannot yet give you any assurances about what the situation will be like in September at this point, as we cannot foresee what will happen over the next 6 weeks.

What we can assure you of however, is that we will be monitoring the situation closely in our area, and are meeting the day before term is due to restart to look at our risk assessments for safe reopening. The advice we have from the Department for Education (DfE) is 'guidance' only, and we will be following the detailed advice from our local Public Health England colleagues in our local authorities and adjusting our arrangements accordingly e.g. we may decide to keep face coverings and social distancing.



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In line with the DfE requirements, we will be undertaking 2 lateral flow tests with your child on site during the first week of term. As such we will be asking all Year 11 pupils to be in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of September at 9am, and all other students to arrive at the later time of 11am. We are not planning to have staggered starts and ends to the day, so from Tuesday onwards all pupils will be expected to arrive promptly at 9am at the front door and not leave school until 3.15pm.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that your child's safety is of paramount importance to us, and that we will be taking all of the steps necessary in order to keep them safe at the centre in September. As always, we will welcome any discussions with you about any concerns you may have and are always willing to consider individual arrangements where necessary.

Easy for us to say, but please take the opportunity over the summer break to relax, knowing that we have you and your child's interests at the heart of everything and will make our own decisions on safety arrangements once we know the situation in September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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