



Eastbrook School

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8th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you regarding the Government's announcement on 6th July regarding the organisation of schools next year. They have clarified that from September, schools will have the freedom to return to a more 'normal' way of working and that the 'bubbles' of students that we have become used to this year will no longer be a requirement.

While this is very welcome news it presents Eastbrook with a very considerable challenge. You will be aware that we have gone to huge lengths this year to redesign the layout of our school and create fully equipped year group bubbles. We now need to arrange for all of the resources and furniture to be returned to their original home. The process of packing and moving everything must be completed before the summer break.

As such I need to inform you that **the term will now end for students on Tuesday 20th July** which is two days earlier than previously scheduled. The 20th will be a half day for which arrangements will be circulated separately.

Similarly, the arrangements for the start of next term will be adjusted to ensure that we are fully ready to receive our students. Therefore Friday 3rd September will now be an INSET day in addition to those advertised on the school calendar. Students will begin to return on Monday the 6th September and we will circulate more details about this process separately because as part of the return process we will need to arrange for students to take Lateral Flow tests for Covid.

I would like to offer my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this causes our parents and families, but I am sure you can see and understand the challenge we face and will support us in our efforts to ensure that we are fully ready for the new academic year.

Yours faithfully

Paul Frith
Headteacher – Secondary