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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will all be aware, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap out of the COVID-19 restrictions. The main implications for us in school, concerns the wearing of face masks, and confirmation that the Y6 PGL trip can go ahead as planned. 😊

The updated guidance means that face coverings will no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms, however, they should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible.

We therefore ask that you continue to bring a face mask/covering with you when you drop off and collect your child/ren, to put on if you are unable to keep a distance in the Year Group queues, and for if you need to stand close to speak with a member of staff, outside or in the main entrance. Thank you.

Many of you will have already had an opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher. If you have not yet had your Parent/Teacher Consultation this should take place next week, but definitely before the end of Term 5. Please remember to be available to take your call during the arranged time period.

Lastly but by no means least, I share the news that we are sadly losing a highly valued member of staff at the end of next week. Mrs Jack, who has been a loyal and dedicated Teaching Assistant at Thames View for over 17 years, has decided to spend more time with her family and friends, who are dotted around the UK, now that the COVID-19 restrictions are lifting.

In addition to supporting hundreds of children with their learning in class, Mrs Jack has been a kind 'Listening Ear' to a large number of children, and staff, during her time here, for which we owe her a huge gratitude. She will be greatly missed by everyone, but we all wish her every happiness and health as she moves towards enjoying a more gentle pace of life.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

*DL Daburn*

Mrs Deanne Daburn  
Head of School