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CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 43

Dear Parents

First of all, we wish you all a restful and joyful time over the Easter break. The 'roadmap' out of lockdown should offer us all more freedoms but caution and managing risk is never far from our conscience, even with the roll out of vaccines. We are still being informed of bubble closures in other Sefton schools and whilst the numbers have decreased very significantly, these types of closures have **not** disappeared.

We would like to tell you about the summer term and how we see school moving forward. Reading will continue to be a key focus of our efforts to help children recover their momentum to make good progress. We all know that improvement, success and achievement in reading is the key to success in so many other areas of learning and we ask you to support us wherever and whenever you can by listening to your child read and encouraging your child to talk about their reading. Our staff will be working intensively on the **teaching** of reading in accordance with the children's stage of development and the curriculum, next term, will have a very strong emphasis on reading and mathematics again.

The outdoor focus on physical education, the developing garden areas for our children and all the opportunities they present to promote good mental well-being will continue to support our programme for recovery.

We hope that you all found the Zoom parent meetings yesterday helpful as we felt it was very important to have a conversation with you about your children at this point in the year before the holiday.

All the same systems are in place in terms of social distancing, pick up times and the school day and will continue to be so until the end of the academic year. We look forward to a very productive and more settled Summer term with the children. Children are welcome to wear the school's summer uniform from their return.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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