

Good morning everyone

I hope you all had a lovely weekend in the sunshine - we've been waiting for this haven't we?

I just wanted to give you an early update regarding the advice we have been given around the introduction of Stage 4 lifting of restrictions - or 'freedom day'. We have been directed by Public Health to make no changes to our risk assessment until the end of term. This means that should a child or an adult who is in one of our bubbles test positive for Covid then we will still need to send the whole bubble home to self-isolate. And that would also, sadly, mean that there will be no return for those children or staff before the end of term. This will be very hard to take, especially if it is a year 2 bubble. But we have no option. We already have staff and children who are self-isolating and I am once again indebted to those parents who continue to err on the side of caution and arrange PCR tests if their child has symptoms.

We have almost reached the end of the year without having to send home a bubble, but we need to continue with the same rigor and approach so that we can all safely enjoy the summer holidays - four more sleeps (not that I'm counting!). But the more I hear from colleagues, and also knowing that last week 750,000 children were out of schools in England self-isolating, the more I appreciate that this week could be something of a roller coaster.

With love from

Jacky