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Dear Parent/carer,

After Monday's announcement regarding the extension of current national restrictions, I wanted to write to you all with an update. The expected announcement will hopefully not affect our plans too much which is something that I spoke to the KS2 children about earlier. Of course, I was hoping to invite you to various events which now looks very unlikely. I am very hopeful that the children will not miss out on the events planned that include:

- Drumming/guitar tuition
- Burghley House visit
- Sporting fixtures
- Spotlight Dance
- Sports Day (KS1 & KS2)
- Year 6 Leavers party
- End of term musical concert

The latest government guidance will ensure that we risk assess each event to ensure the safety of the children and staff. If an event is too risky for example, I would have no hesitation to make the difficult decision to cancel it in the interests of health and safety. I know that you will understand if parental engagement is limited at these events due to the restrictions. Any decisions made with regards to events such as these will also take into account advice from PDET who we will communicate with on a regular basis.

I very much expect that, just as I send this letter out, I will be notified of a cancellation or a further restriction imposed upon us. I will communicate, as always, in a timely manner. Where any event takes place, the staff and I will ensure that arrangements are made to minimise the contact between children/staff as much as possible. If you are unsure or feel uncomfortable about your child attending any trip/event, please contact me at your convenience to discuss. Any such communication will be respected and I will very much value your decision to not give permissions etc.

I was very disappointed to hear that UCC have cancelled arrangements to hold transition events for the year 6 children. This is such sad news for our year 6 children. I can only say that the year 6 cohort had the same experience last year but are now flourishing in year 7 and haven't looked back. I really hope that we can provide the year 6 and all children with some end of term memories.

Yours sincerely,

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