



# HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We're really pleased that we've managed to get through half a term, without any major disruptions to the children's learning! It's strange to think that this is the longest period of time that we've had since March 2020, without any enforced school closures or any children having to isolate.

Hopefully, we're moving in the right direction and over the next few months, will gradually be able to return to where we were prior to the Pandemic. Obviously, we might even find ourselves in a position where most or all restrictions are removed on 21<sup>st</sup> June. However, while it is likely that schools will still be required to follow some restrictions after this time, we have taken the early decision to continue applying the majority of our safety measures (including separating class bubbles and only essential visitors) until at least the end of the school year. This may come as a disappointment to you and we are also sad that once again, we won't be able to hold our usual enriching events such as our Sports Day or the Summer Fayre, but we really don't want to unnecessarily risk anyone becoming ill or any children/classes having to isolate and miss any more school!

As part of these measures, staff will also continue to socially distance and wear facemasks when coming into contact with other classes/bubbles, but from after half term, will not be required to wear a mask outside, when receiving or releasing their class. Once again, we would be incredibly grateful if you could continue to socially distance where possible and preferably wear facemasks, when gathering outside of the school, to help us limit any potential spreading of the virus.

We really do appreciate your ongoing support and hope that this announcement will remove any uncertainty around our plans for the rest of the school year.

Finally, we hope that you have a pleasant half-term break.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Simon Minter  
Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors