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Dear Parent and Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 14 June 2021 explaining the delay to the government's roadmap, we are writing to you about the work taking place in schools across the East Riding and to ask for your continued support in the remaining weeks of this school year.

Throughout the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, East Riding schools have worked tirelessly to provide high quality education and COVID-19 safe environments for staff, pupils, and visitors.

The disruption caused to education, work schedules and family life when a case of COVID-19 occurs within a school bubble or year group is significant and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given your child's school and the wider community when this happens.

Continuing to ensure safe systems of work, including the operation of bubbles, enhanced cleaning and social distancing is the best way to reduce the impact of COVID-19 within a school community and to avoid transmission to pupils, staff, their relatives and the communities in which we live and work.

Traditionally at this time of year, schools hold a range of events and celebrations which mark the end of the school year, and for some pupils the end of their school life in that particular school as they move to the next stage in their education, training or employment.

The recent extension of the government's restrictions to 19 July 2021 means that school leaders have been provided with new guidance by the Department of Education for their end of year activities. Each school, supported by advice from the Local Authority, must apply this guidance according to their own school context and circumstances. This means that sadly many schools who had planned events and celebrations have been put in a position where they must disappoint pupils and their families by cancelling or postponing events. We can assure you that these decisions have been very difficult and school leaders have looked at many ways of working to see how they could continue before writing to pupils, parents, and carers with this news.

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**Eoin Rush**

Director of Children, Families and Schools

We would like to thank you for the support and understanding that you continue to show our schools when receiving such news and whilst we know it is disappointing, also know that you will understand that these decisions are guided by government guidance and local public health information with the sole aim of keeping our communities as safe as possible, and COVID-19 numbers as low as possible, across the whole of the East Riding.

With kind regards.



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