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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of this academic year, we are seeing many of our plans disrupted due to Covid-19. You will be aware from the media that this is a national issue and in my conversations with other teachers and parents locally, it is certainly a challenge facing many Somerset schools.

We currently have a number of staff and students who are self-isolating due to being close contacts of a confirmed positive case.

Unfortunately, we have had to take the decision to cancel Sports Day on Wednesday 21 July. This is hugely disappointing, as a lot of work has already gone into preparing this day. I know both staff and students are really looking forward to it and we are very aware that for some of our students they have yet to experience Sports Day at Buckler's Mead. However, with the increase in the number of students who are being asked to self-isolate, along with the increased number of cases in the community it is imperative we protect staff, students and the whole academy community.

The academy is open as usual to all students who have not been told to self-isolate and will **close for the summer holiday on Friday 23 July when we will finish at 12:05pm.**

You may be aware that the government are expecting schools to test students on their return in September. We are currently working on our plans for this and will let you know how this will work at Buckler's Mead before the end of the week.

Once again, we have experienced a hugely challenging year and I thank you for all your support as the Buckler's Mead community has risen to this challenge admirably.

Yours sincerely

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