

Haydock High School

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Dear Parent/ Carer.

Haydock High School will break up for Summer, for the final time, next Thursday at 1.30pm. Students will have lunch, attend registration, and then go straight home. We appreciate your support in encouraging students to go directly home and avoid close contact with other students. Unfortunately, the buses will run at the usual time so please inform your child's Head of Year if you have any difficulty getting your child home.

This year has been extremely challenging for students, parents/carers and staff. In years to come, when we reflect on this awful COVID period, we will be thankful for the support and care shown across our community. Thank you to everybody for your commitment to learning and wellbeing that has enabled us to meet the lockdown challenges to the best of our ability. We personally wish to thank the students and the staff for all their remarkable work in these exceptionally difficult times.

As you are aware, Step 4 is going to be implemented on Monday, 19th July. The changes are significant and have implications for schools that remain open for the last week of term. In consultation with the Chair of Governors, we have decided that for the last 4 days of term Haydock High School will continue with our agreed COVID measures including face coverings.

St Helens has been designated as an area of concern with regards to COVID cases and the numbers continue to rise. The DfE states, "Schools may wish to continue with these measures until the end of your summer term." In addition, schools have been told to "make sure" outbreak plans "cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups." In short, we must remain vigilant and be prepared to respond to any advice or guidance from the DfE. In addition, the government has informed us that full onsite testing will take place in September so we will have a staggered start to the term.

We will send you more information about how we will re-start in September next week. Please try to read and discuss all of the information you receive this week with your child so that we can have a smooth start in September to maximise learning time.

Kind regards,

Mr. P. Abram Head of School Mr C Sheeran Executive Headteacher