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Happy New Year!

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year! We hope that this letter finds you all well and that you have had a wonderful time with your families over the Christmas break.

As I know you will be aware, the current situation with regard to COVID-19 and the rise in cases due to the Omicron variant remains extremely unsettled at present. I know that the whole nation is currently waiting to hear if any further measures will come into place over the coming weeks or months but at present things are remaining the same and we will be opening as normal from tomorrow Tuesday 4th January. We have reviewed our outbreak management plans, our risk assessment and are prepared for a return to an exciting spring term.

Ahead of your child or children coming back into school tomorrow, I do need to let you know that we do have some staff that have tested positive for COVID-19 over the break. Therefore, we are needing to cover them as best we can until they can be back with us as soon as possible. I know that you will join with me in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Before your child or children come back into school tomorrow, we also ask that you support us by carrying out a LFD test with them so that we can be sure that no one is asymptomatic and that we can start the new school term without any cases of Covid-19 in the school.

We will continue to notify you when we have cases of Covid-19 in school and we continue to ask that you remain vigilant and do not send your child into school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19.

We will continue to follow our latest arrangements during the spring term which means that:

1. We will continue to promote good infection prevention, through ventilation and enhanced cleaning routines.
2. Staff will continue to carry out LFD testing twice weekly.
3. Staff will wear face coverings in communal areas.
4. Children, staff and visitors will continue to be asked to wash their hands frequently and to use hand sanitiser.
5. We will continue to pause whole school assemblies. These will be moved to a virtual platform for the coming weeks.
6. For safety, if you have a pre-arranged meeting with a member of staff, these will now be online.

7. Parent helpers and volunteers will be suspended for the time being to keep any visitors to a minimum.
8. School start and finish times will remain the same at present however we ask you to adhere to social distancing where possible when dropping off and picking up. We also ask that once you have dropped off or picked up your child/ren that you vacate the school site as soon as possible.
9. We ask that all parents/ carers wear a face mask when dropping off or picking up at the end of the school day.
10. Classrooms and communal areas will remain well ventilated; therefore you may wish to send your child to school with a base layer under their uniform as the weather turns colder.
11. Staff will continue to prepare remote education in the event of any need for remote learning or further government guidance.

If your child does show any symptoms of Covid-19, please follow the government isolation guidance using the following link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/

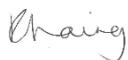
The current guidance is that if your child begins to display any symptoms of Covid-19

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

then they must isolate and access a PCR test. If they test positive on an LFD test, then they must also isolate and access a PCR test. If they are confirmed as positive, then they will need to continue to isolate for a further 10 days from the day after their symptoms starting or a positive LFD test. If however on day 6 and also on day 7 of their isolation period, they test negative on an LFD test, they can complete their isolation period after the 7 days.

We will continue to review our arrangements over the coming weeks and will let you know if anything needs to change. We are hopeful that we will have a more settled period this year and we will continue to ensure that our priority is your incredible children, their well-being and a sparkling education.

Best wishes and we look forward to a fantastic spring term.



Ruth Laing

Headteacher

