



Wednesday 5th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy new year to you. We hope you had a peaceful and happy Christmas with friends and family. We are looking forward to the new term ahead and seeing all that the children will achieve in their learning.

We are writing today to update you on a few aspects of our current COVID measures as a school to ensure we are doing all we can to keep our community safe and well. You will be aware that the case numbers of COVID, especially the highly transmissible Omicron variant, remain high and so we need to remain cautious and vigilant at this time.

Please be assured that we are rigorously following the risk assessments and infection control measures laid down by the DfE, and we continue to keep all these measures under review on a daily basis. As a school, we are committed to doing whatever we can to protect children and staff whilst doing our very best to deliver learning within a COVID-safe environment.

Just a few important reminders at this time, which we will appreciate your support with:

- Please keep us updated promptly on any COVID test results so that the school stays informed of our whole-school picture
- Please ensure your children come to school with plenty of layers, given that we will continue to ensure enough ventilation in classrooms – and January can be cold!
- Please ensure you continue to wear face coverings on entering the site at drop off and pick up times, and keep as much distance as possible with other parents or if you talk to staff at the gate.
- Where possible, please ensure only one adult is dropping off and collecting your child on our school site to minimise crowding.
- If you need to enter the school office, again please make sure you are wearing a face covering. Only two parents in the office at one time please.
- Finally, if your child is unwell, and showing any COVID symptoms, please do not send them into school. If your child or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, then please get a PCR test.

Under current guidance, self-isolation is required for those who test positive for seven days from the day symptoms began (counting the first day as day 0). If LFD tests show a negative result on day 6 and day 7 of isolation, then children can return to school on day 7, as long as they have no COVID symptoms. LFD tests should also continue to be taken on days 8, 9 and 10 to ensure a continued negative result. Please ensure these isolation periods are adhered to as much as possible to keep our whole school community safe and well.

Working together, we can all aim to minimise any spread and this will enable the school to take swift action where necessary. Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this. Please look out for further communications, should we need to re-introduce any further measures for any class, year group or the whole school in the coming term.

Yours sincerely,

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