



6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We are very excited to welcome you and your wonderful children back for a new term together.

You will already know how serious the situation is around the country with the cases of COVID remaining high each day, but you will also know that we want things to remain as normal as possible for our children. Unfortunately, several members of our teaching team missed Christmas with their families due to testing positive after breaking up from school. We need to continue to reduce the risk for you all as infection rates are so high.

At this point, learning will continue to be on site, face to face and interactive as it was before the Christmas break. In order for this to continue for as long as possible, we will be reviewing and adjusting the measures that are currently in place.

Timings for the school day will remain the same, but we ask parents to reduce gathering with others on site in order to keep each other safe. The current COVID variant is highly transmissible and displays a range of symptoms that are different to the original. If your child is displaying typical cold symptoms, please complete a lateral flow test before you send them in to school. We managed to get to Christmas with only one year group needing to close, but ideally, we do not want this to happen again. I know that families do not want a return to home learning for any children, but if we continue to spread the virus and ignore symptoms, this is exactly what will happen.

We ask all families to stick to the requests below -

- One adult to collect
- One place to collect family - make sure children know where you will be collecting from (we appreciate that this will need to start from Friday onwards)
- Wear a mask if coming into the building
- We recommend masks on site, but we will not enforce unless you enter the building
- Distance yourself from other adults on playgrounds



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In addition to this, we will reduce the amount of mixing that children do within the building. At this stage, we are not returning to a formal 'bubble' system but are not ruling it out.

Thank you for all who completed the information form recently so that we have your details and working status. If we need to change to on-line due to staff shortages, all allocated year groups would need to be at home, regardless of employment situation.

Please contact helpline if you need any advice or information to do with school arrangements. For all other school issues, please contact the school office. Only email teachers for issues related to learning or other classroom issues.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Mrs Churchill

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