

3 January 2022

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you all had a fabulous holiday and that you all managed to spend time with family and friends. We are so excited to welcome back all our children tomorrow - we have missed them all!

As I am sure you will all be aware, COVID-19 cases have risen drastically since the start of the Christmas holiday. We are relieved that the government has made the decision to keep schools open; however, we are going to need your support more than ever over the upcoming few weeks to help keep cases low in school. Below are a few ways in which you can help us to do that:

- Could every child complete an LFT at home before returning to school on Tuesday 4th of January. This will ensure that all children attending school are negative and will stop the spread of the new Omicron variant. Picking up rapid lateral flow tests from a local pharmacy is the quickest way to get them; although there is a high demand for these tests, chemists are being sent them regularly.
- If your child has any of the 3 main symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR test. If you can provide a negative LFT on the morning of your child's illness, they will be allowed into school.
- We will contact any parent whose child is showing any of the main symptoms. If you arrive at school with an LFT and test your child and they are negative, your child will be able to remain in school.
- If we have a positive case in school and your child is identified as a close contact, they will be expected to do LFTs for the next 7 days.
- Parents attending breakfast club will be expected to wear masks at all times. If parents would like to wear masks on the school grounds, we will fully support their decision.

I have to stress that all the measures above are to protect staff and children. The main focus over the next half-term is to keep school open and everyone within the community to remain safe. We feel by following these steps, it gives our staff the best chance to do what they love: teach your children in person on a daily basis.

We cannot wait to see you all tomorrow and thank you in advance for following the above steps to support our school.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr I Tankard
Head teacher