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Returning to School and COVID Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a good time over the last couple of weeks and your children are looking forward to coming back to school as much as we are.

COVID Update:

If possible, please carry out a COVID LFD test on Sunday before returning to school, and report any positive cases to school.

The Omicron variant is clearly much more transmissible but thankfully seems to be a much milder form of the illness. Despite the current COVID rates running so high, we are hoping to operate as close to normal as possible with a few slight changes:

- 1) Windows and doors will be open to increase ventilation as much as we can – please make sure your children have a warm base layer such as an extra vest or t-shirt and come to school with their jumper.
- 2) All adults will wear masks in corridors and communal areas but not in the classroom – children are not being asked to wear masks in primary schools.
- 3) Adults will continue to test regularly using LFDs and will isolate as necessary.

We will do all we can to avoid closing class bubbles, this may include your child's teacher "Zooming" in to the class if they are isolating (with another adult in the classroom) or merging your child's class with another.

If your child does catch coronavirus and is well enough, they will be able to join in with their normal class learning online. Laptops are available to borrow from school if you need one.

If we do have to move a whole class back to remote learning, this would only be as a last resort and for the shortest time possible. However, please be prepared for this eventuality and have a childcare plan ready should this be required. Please make sure you have class Dojo installed and that we have the correct e-mail address. We will communicate any closures using both Dojo and e-mail.

Please continue to report any positive COVID cases to us using either Dojo or email so that we can track the number of cases we have. We are expecting some positive cases and will no longer be informing you of

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every case. We will inform you if we identify more than 5 cases in a class will be taking advice about whether we need to take additional steps at that point.

Uniform:

Full school uniform AND PE uniform is required in school. Please note that this means that PE kits with logos are not allowed. Please look at the full [uniform policy on the website](#) for further information. If you child feels the cold make sure they have extra layers on underneath their usual uniform.

Enrichment clubs:

Enrichment clubs will start from week 2 – Monday 17th January – our after school club and breakfast club start on Monday 10th.

Please note that if the staff member running an enrichment club is absent due to COVID, we may need to cancel these. We will contact you via Dojo and email if we have to cancel any enrichment clubs.

Arrival:

Please make sure your children are in school by 8:50am at the latest.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing you all again, enjoy the next few days and we'll see you on Monday!

Yours sincerely,



Jon Bacon
Headteacher

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