

3 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and safe Christmas.

I wanted to update you on information relating to the school re-opening this week. As you know, tomorrow (Tuesday 4 January), is a planned Staff Development Day with children returning for the start of Term 3 on Wednesday 5 January (or Thursday 6 January for new Nursery children).

During the Christmas Break, the Prime Minister updated national guidance on face coverings in school. **This updated guidance relates to secondary schools only and there are no changes to the face covering guidance currently in place at our school.**

Although children are not required to wear coverings, we want to stress the importance of being sensitive to individual circumstances. Parents/carers may choose to ask their child to wear a face covering and we expect members of our community to respect this individual decision.

As a reminder, the protective measures that were in place before the Christmas break remain in place at our school for the beginning of the term:

- Face coverings for staff in communal areas
- Ventilation in classrooms
- Revert to Teams assemblies
- Parent/Carer access to the office will be limited and it is strongly advised that you text via MYEd, phone or email the school before coming on to the premises
- Limit visitors to site to essential visitors only.

Parents and carers are strongly advised to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up your children to help minimise the spread of the virus in busy and crowded spaces.

In Term 3, we will continue to offer Breakfast and after school Clubs for children already registered.

We will of course, do all we can to keep our school open for face-to-face learning. However, if we are impacted by rising case numbers within year groups or large staff absences, we may need to move some year groups to remote learning. We can all play our part in preventing this by following the safety measures in place.

Important

Following the Christmas break, if your child has developed symptoms of COVID-19 do not return to school. Please book a PCR test and seek advice from the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. In this instance, please contact the school office from Tuesday 4 January and we will advise you on the appropriate measures.



A reminder, that since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period has changed. If your child receives a negative test result on day 6 and day 7 (at least 24 hours apart) then they can leave self-isolation on day 7.

I hope that the information in this letter is helpful and clear. If you have any questions, please contact us as above. We are committed to ensuring that our school is a safe learning environment for pupils and staff and we will continue to take decisions in the best interests of our pupils, while following Government rules and advice.

Yours sincerely

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