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4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you had a great Christmas and that you and your family are well.

I am writing to remind you of the arrangements for the start of term on **Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>**. These arrangements are based on local authority advice and are in the main a continuation of the systems and processes we have had in place to stay open during this pandemic. They are as follows:

- Pupils will follow their normal timetable.
- Seating plans will continue in all lessons.
- Pupils are to stay in "contact" groups within their own year group during lessons and break times.
- There will be a one-way system in operation inside the school building. Pupils must follow it.
- Pupils must social distance whenever possible, especially at break and lunchtimes.
- Pupils must use the hand sanitiser provided on entering the building and leaving and entering classrooms.
- Face coverings are to be worn in all public areas of the school and where possible in classrooms as well.
- There will continue to be regular cleaning of the site including cleaning of door handles, desks etc.
- Pupils will be expected to bring their own equipment as "sharing" is not an option under current conditions.
- If any pupil is unwell in school, they will be isolated and their home will be contacted immediately to collect them.

Discussing the above points with your child and reminding them of their importance, will ensure that the days continue to go smoothly and help to keep us all safe.

The most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in schools is to stop infection being brought into the school. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate and not attend school. Anyone developing symptoms should also self-isolate immediately and book a test.

School staff and secondary age pupils are advised to undertake LFT testing three times a week at present on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday using LFTs and record their results. The school can provide LFT tests on request.

Anyone identified as a contact, who is fully vaccinated or aged 5 to 17 can access daily contact testing **instead** of self-isolation, regardless of whether they are a household or close contact. If these tests are negative they may continue to attend school.

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Thank you in anticipation of your continued support with these measures. We are all doing what we can to try and keep any disruption to a minimum and will be in contact if the situation changes.

We look forward to seeing everybody back on Thursday.

Best Wishes,

(D. R. Thomas)

D B Thomas <u>Headteacher</u>