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Dear Parents,

As a result of the announcement over the weekend regarding measures being increased we would like to request your support with the following:

FACE COVERINGS: all visitors on to the premises (including the playground) must once again wear face coverings.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES: please keep your children with you and leave the playground promptly to reduce unnecessary mixing (please inform all other family members who may do this for you). Please give space to other families at the school gate and on Back Lane. Please maintain social distance at all times on school premises.

EXTRA LAYERS: school will remain well ventilated with windows open so please consider extra base layers for your child to wear.

PUPIL ABSENCE: it is clear that from those that have already been affected by positive cases, the symptoms vary. We therefore ask that if your child is unwell for any reason that they remain at home. Children experiencing a temperature, new cough or loss of taste or smell should get a PCR test and notify school of the result as soon as they get it. Please note that LFD tests are not as accurate and shouldn't be used if symptoms are displayed. They are for identifying asymptomatic cases and should be used twice weekly.

Please also note that if your child or another household member tests positive for Covid-19, then we will request that other family household members also remain off school to try to avoid the spread across classes; this will be an authorised absence from school and remote learning will be provided. We have evidence of a strong pattern of household members testing positive 4-5 days after the original case.

THE NEW VARIANT: Guidance dictates that should anyone within a class test positive for this (irrespective of vaccines) then the class bubble will have to close for 10 days for isolation and remote learning will resume.

CHRISTMAS: We are making plans to record all our performances and will communicate the release of tickets should this still remain possible as soon as we are able to do so.

As I am sure you agree; the health and safety of all of our community – children, staff and parents must come first. Ultimately, we want everyone to be well, safe and to enjoy Christmas.

Please remain vigilant and seek a PCR test if you are in any doubt.

Thank you for your support,

Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

