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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families have had a good Christmas and have enjoyed the holidays.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 10th January ready for the Spring term. You will, I am sure, be aware of the challenges that we are all facing in light of the current infection rates of Covid19. I want to re-assure you that we will continue to do all that we can to ensure we keep our school community safe. To this end there are a number of steps that we will need to take and I ask for your support with this;

- We asked all parents to send in their consent for on-site lateral flow tests for their child before Christmas. If you sent this in to us then your child will be offered a test on the 10th January.
- If you did not send this reply back then could I encourage you please to test your child at home on Sunday 9th January and register any positive results with us so that we can minimise the risk of infection for other students and staff members. This can be done via the Test Register site <https://testregister.co.uk/login>
- All students are strongly encouraged to take twice weekly lateral flow tests. We have a supply of these in school and they can be collected from your child's year team office.
- All staff and students, who are not exempt, should wear a face covering in communal areas and classrooms in school. This is a temporary measure by the government and will be reviewed at the end of January. Please encourage your child to co-operate with this guidance when in school, on the bus and in shops. **Could you please ensure that your child brings a face covering to school every day.**
- We will continue to put additional safety measures into school which includes enhanced cleaning, hand sanitising throughout the day and increased ventilation.
- We will minimise the number of visitors to school. **Please do not arrive at school without a pre-arranged appointment.** Where possible we will arrange for meetings to be virtual. If you do have a booked appointment in school we ask that you wear a face covering unless you are exempt.

All of these measures are in place so that we can continue to keep school open for all students, and so we ask you to stress the importance of co-operation with your child.

If your child has not yet been vaccinated and you wish for them to access this service, this can be booked through the national booking system -<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

May I thank you for your continued support with all of these measures.

Yours faithfully

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