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Covid Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times.

In light of new Department for Education (DfE) guidance we would like to update you on our covid procedures and safety measures.

Updated DfE guidance

New guidance on the 9th December includes:

• Schools are strongly encouraged to ask parents, guardians and other visitors to complete an LFT Covid 19 test before entering the school site.

Covid cases in school

Currently there are no confirmed cases of Covid within school among staff or children. However, there remains a large number of children and staff suffering with seasonal cold/flu symptoms who are unable to attend. Any person suffering cold/flu symptoms is being encouraged to complete a PCR test for peace of mind.

Current Covid measures in place:

- Enhanced hand washing for children and adults
- Hand sanitisation points
- Enhanced cleaning regimes
- Daily LFT testing for adults on site.
 - Including parents, guardians and visitors.
- Face coverings are mandatory for staff in communal areas (unless exempt)
- Parents/Carers are asked to wear face coverings when on the playground to collect children (unless exempt)
- Enhanced ventilation within school
- Carbon Dioxide monitors to ensure appropriate ventilation.
- Enhanced vigilance for symptoms of Covid-19.

Christmas events:

- Christmas Nativity will be filmed and shared with Parents/Carers
- Carols will be sung on Tuesday 14th December on the back playground at 2.45pm.
 - Face coverings (unless exempt) and social distancing required.
 - LFT Covid tests before the event are strongly encouraged.
- Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10th.
- Christmas Lunch Friday 10th.
- Forest school sessions Tuesday 14th December

Our covid risk assessments and contingency plans can be viewed on our website here.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support,

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