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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that 2021 is a much better year for all of us. I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break despite the difficulties we all face at the moment.

Latest Government Guidance

Please note that, following this week's announcement by the Secretary of State for Education, I am delighted that all Primary children will be returning to school as normal. We fully support this as we know the best place for children is to be in school and continuing with their learning and development.

Due to this we look forward to welcoming all children back to school as normal on Monday 4th January. All the procedures that were in place before Christmas remain so and we ask you to support us with all of this to ensure that our school can be as safe as possible.

We know that when the children are in school, the risk of catching the virus is small due to all the increased measures we have put in place. The biggest risk faced is before and after school. It is most important that all parents follow the Government guidance by maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering.

As you are aware there should be no mixing of households indoors or most outdoor places. The 'Hands, Face, Space' guidance still applies and should be followed carefully and if you have any suspicion that your son or daughter may be feeling unwell, please keep them at home. If they have a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and/or a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste they must have a test and the household should isolate at least until the result of the test is known. If they test positive they, and the household, must continue to isolate and the child must not come into school for at least 10 days and until they are no longer displaying any of the below;

- a high temperature or feeling hot and shivery
- a runny nose or sneezing
- feeling or being sick
- diarrhoea

Only stop self-isolating when these symptoms have gone. If you have diarrhoea or you're being sick, stay at home until 48 hours after they've stopped.

Locally it now says that, if a person has the below symptoms, a lateral flow test should be arranged. They can attend school but only if they are well enough to do so and only need to self-isolate if the test comes back positive:

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children

I also respectfully ask you to ensure that all Tier 4 rules are adhered to as this is the best way to reduce the spread of the virus.

Please stay safe!

God bless



Miss D Lee
Principal

