

Building resilience, ambition and respect

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the autumn term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support over the last few months. It continues to be a difficult time in terms of dealing with COVID. However, I was really pleased that we have been able to return to some of the normal and valued parts of school life; breakfast club and after school clubs, trips, face-to-face parents evening and, of course, the Christmas events. You have all been fantastic at following our safety measures in school, thank you for this. I hope you have a fabulous Christmas holiday with your families and look forward to seeing you back in the new year.

## COVID update

The main change to be aware of in terms of COVID is that adults and children over 5 who are identified as a close contact should now take a lateral flow test each day for 7 days. If the test is negative, children are welcome to come into school as normal. If the lateral flow test is positive, you should book a PCR test to confirm this result. Close contacts are still identified by Public Health England (Track and Trace) and will not be identified by school. If you have any questions about this change, please call school and we will be able to help you.

As usual, if your child develops COVID symptoms at any time, they should isolate and book a PCR test.

## Staffing update

Mrs Borbin has finished work to prepare for the arrival of her first baby. We wish her the best of luck and hope she enjoys her maternity leave in the new year.

## Parent Governor Position

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor position. If you are interested in supporting school by attending one meeting each term, please contact the office and I can talk to you about this. We would love to hear your ideas on school improvement.

## Return to school

Children are back in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.