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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year, we have had such a lovely start and our children are now fully immersed in their learning, which I have to say feels more like our normal school - at last!

It has been so lovely to see children mixing with each other and classrooms back to the way we want them to be. There are smiles all round! We are still of course being careful to ensure that we keep each other safe. We are all still washing our hands regularly and windows and doors have been open for ventilation. We also have a very busy team of cleaners who clean our school at lunchtimes and after school. As always your child's health and safety is our top priority.

We will be seeing how this half term develops, and we are already planning and talking about trips for our children and opportunities for you to come into school to see what your children have been doing. We just want to take a careful approach with this, but please keep your eyes open for future announcements about this.

I thought I would also take this opportunity to update you on information that we have received from public health around isolation rules.

Please see below:

Who needs to isolate?

1. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Identified close contacts including household contacts are not required to self-isolate if any of the following apply:
 - You are fully vaccinated
 - You are below the age of 18 years 6 months
 - You have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - You are not able to get vaccinated due to medical reasons

If this applies to you, you should get a PCR test but **DO NOT** need to isolate whilst you wait for the test or the result.



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However close contacts who are not vaccinated and above the age of 18 must self-isolate for 10 days even if the test result is negative.

I understand that as rules change it can get very confusing, if you have any questions or queries at all about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and ask before bringing your child into school.

Attendance and Punctuality in School

More so than ever, it is vitally important that your child attends school, this is going to be very closely monitored this year. Please can I also ask that you stick to the timings we have given you, dropping your children off at the right time and collecting them promptly at the end of the day is essential. I appreciate your support with this, as it helps with the smooth running of our school day.

Thank you as ever for your continued support, I look forward to being able to work with you all more closely this year!

Best Wishes,

Kerry Lilico
Acting Executive Headteacher