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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and have had an enjoyable summer. It is a pleasure to welcome all your children back to school and we wanted you to know that we have been working hard to try and ensure that their school experience this year is as uninterrupted by Covid as possible. We therefore want to make sure that you know what the school is doing on this and may I thank you in advance for your support with any measures the school may need to take.

### **Self-Isolation**

Where a pupil is under the age of 18 years and 6 months old and a member of their household is positive for Covid, they should observe any advice given by the NHS test and trace which will include taking a PCR test. If they get a positive result then they must self-isolate.

As an extra precaution, while awaiting the result of their PCR test, the school would like the pupil to take a Lateral Flow test before they come in to school. If this is positive, they should not attend until the PCR test is confirmed.

### **Vaccination, Good Hygiene and Regular Testing**

The government encourages us all to be vaccinated if possible; to observe good hygiene and regularly wash/sanitise our hands. Teachers will insist that children regularly wash their hands throughout the school day. School staff will continue to take part in regular lateral flow testing.

### **Face Coverings**

Government advice is still to continue to wear a face covering in busy or enclosed areas. Please feel free to wear a face covering at drop off and pick up times.

### **Bubbles and Distance**

There is currently no requirement for pupils to be kept in specific bubble groups and no requirement for classrooms to be set out at any distanced pattern for any social distance. However, teachers will continue to take note of seating plans so that in the event of an outbreak we have a record.

### **Potential for Local Public Health teams to re-introduce measures**

Whilst the UK wide picture is one of relaxation of restrictions in Step 4 of the roadmap, local public health teams may instruct the school to re-escalate measures in the event of an outbreak. Should we reach this point, then we will refer to our Outbreak Management Plan and may need to contact you again with further information about measures such as bubble groups, staggered starts or face coverings.

Thank you for your kind co-operation with the above. We are delighted to be welcoming you all back in a less restrictive climate, however, we need to be sensible in order to keep things this way.

Kind regards,

Steven Rooney  
Headteacher

