



12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to let you know that, in line with Public Health advice, next week we are lifting the additional Covid restrictions that we had to put in place before half-term. This means we shall be able to resume whole building assemblies and we shall return to our normal lunchtime arrangements (no bubbles necessary in the dining halls). Children will no longer need to stay in bubbles in play zones outside either, and will once again have access to the normal playtime/lunchtime outdoor areas.

We shall of course continue with the on-going control measures of ventilation, cleaning surfaces, good respiratory hygiene, frequent and effective handwashing, minimising unnecessary close or physical contact, promoting asymptomatic testing twice weekly for staff.

We continue to encourage families to keep children at home if they are displaying symptoms, with prompt testing by LFD, and then PCRs in the event of a positive LFD. Close contacts of confirmed cases (including siblings of confirmed household cases) are advised to take daily LFD tests while awaiting their PCR test results and to continue to attend school (unless they test positive). If children are unwell, they should stay at home until symptom free. Where children test negative for COVID-19, and they have had a fever, they should still wait until 24 hours post fever to return to school. Colds and other non-Covid symptoms are circulating but in the first instance new persistent coughs and high temperatures should be treated as possible COVID-19 and trigger isolation and testing. This is the case even if others have tested negative with similar symptoms.

We monitor the number of cases of Covid-19 on a daily basis. Should we again reach either threshold of 5 cases in one class, or 10% of the school population, then we shall once again have to re-instate the tighter controls and suspend or rearrange activities where children gather. We are firmly crossing our fingers that this will not be necessary. We hope to be able to invite parents into school to watch your child's nativity, but if we have to re-instate the tighter controls, we shall film them and make them available to parents that way. We shall keep you updated if and when things change.

We look forward to starting a fresh programme of clubs after the Christmas holidays, in January, and keep everything crossed that conditions at the time allow that to happen.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support in these trying times.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Halls
Headteacher



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