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Dear parents and carers,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable, relaxing Christmas break which hopefully has not been impacted by COVID in any way. We are all looking forward to the children returning tomorrow (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January). While we all hoped that by now, the pandemic would be behind us, unfortunately this is far from the case. I am trying to keep life for the children as normal as possible and for any adaptations to have a minimal impact on parents. Depending on the first couple of weeks back, some of the measures may need to become more stringent' I really hope that this will not be the case. Below is some key information that will be in place for the first 3 weeks at minimum:

- There will be no in person assemblies. (Please keep any certificates and trophies until we return to this, which we will look to do as soon as possible)
- Any arranged activities involving parents on site will not be able to go ahead
- Parents and staff to wear masks at collection
- Parents to wear masks at the school office or if on school site
- Staff to wear masks in communal areas (not when child facing)
- Self isolation for those that test positive for COVID-19 can, in most cases, be decreased to 7 days with 2 negative Lateral Flow Tests
- If a member of your household tests positive, close contacts must test daily for 7 days using an LFT
- If a child's test is negative and the child is feeling well enough to be in school, attendance is expected

Unfortunately these restrictions continue to scupper some of our plans of how we want to work moving forward: parents in assembly, coffee mornings with myself, parent workshops etc, but they are in place to ensure our main focus is educating your children in person and keeping them safe.

If anyone has any specific worries or concerns, as always please do contact me using your preferred method of email or through the office.

Kind regards

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