

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Return to School in January 2022

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill Primary,

Firstly, we hope that you and your loved ones are well. We would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment in ensuring that symptomatic children are kept at home and that children who need to be picked up were done so promptly.

As you will know, we have always tried to be transparent with our parents on the ever changing Covid-19 situation within our school community. As we continue to learn more about the impacts of the Omicron variant we have been asked by The Department of Education to prepare for any possible changes in public health advice. As part of this we are reviewing our existing contingency plans to ensure that we are well prepared to implement them in case of any future changes.

Our primary objective and that of Governors is to keep the school open and operational in order to be able to deliver face-to-face in-class education to all of the children. This continues to be our intention, as long as we have enough staff and it is safe to do so.

Please check your emails prior to the start of the school term for any updates. Anything that impacts on your child's return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 will also be posted on our school website. We will try to communicate as soon as we are in a position to do so.

When Christmas and New Year eventually arrive, we very much hope that you and your family have a safe, restful and enjoyable time.



Yours sincerely

Mr John DF Martin and the Castle Hill Team