

28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **Updated Covid Guidance**

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

Yesterday saw the next stage in the Government's Covid management plan come into effect. In line with local infection rates, we have seen a small rise in the number of Covid cases at Castle Hill Primary over the last couple of weeks and as such our existing Covid measures will remain in place.

Our staff are not required to wear face masks in classrooms but face masks will continue to be worn in communal areas inside our school buildings. We will continue to maintain year group bubbles and avoid unnecessary mixing of classes with lunchtimes and assemblies being held in class bubbles instead. Since the start of the pandemic we have employed additional staff to assist with the cleaning of high frequency contact points and this takes place both throughout the day and at the end of the school day. We also continue to keep the school well ventilated and are monitoring the CO2 levels in the classrooms to assist with this.

Our focus is on protecting our community and providing continuity of teaching and learning. We will continue to monitor infection rates at Castle Hill Primary in line with our Covid risk management procedures and we will write to you again with any amendments to these measures when it is appropriate to do so.

I would like to record my ongoing thanks to the CHPS Team who have shown tremendous flexibility and share my own passion about keeping the school open as we have done from the start of the pandemic.

Should you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support over what has been a very challenging start to the year!

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr John DF Martin and the Castle Hill Team