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Dear parents/carers,

We are pleased to say that from 11th January we will be increasing the size of our bubbles to an infant bubble (Year R-2) and junior bubble (Year 3-6). This means we will start some clubs (please see the letter emailed earlier today a copy of which has been sent home with your child) and have larger groups for playtimes.

We will be continuing to ask parents to wear masks in the school grounds and building in line with current government guidance.

Many of you may be aware but as of 11th January the testing requirements for positive cases are changing in England. Anyone who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and **won't** be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 or more of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home, self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

To further clarify, isolation for a positive case remains at 10 days unless the individual receives negative LFD results on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period – with tests taken 24 hours apart – when they can end their isolation after day 7. Please contact the school office via phone or email to report your child's absence from school.

All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. The government hope that daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education. Therefore, I ask that if you or your child has had close contact with a positive case that they complete daily lateral flows to mitigate the risk of the virus spreading.

We will review the number of Covid cases towards the end of each week and respond accordingly.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Kind regards,

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