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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID Update January 2022

We are writing in light of changes made to our COVID protocols within school. We have seen an increase in positive cases during the last 10 days and have taken advice from county. In line with information we sent out at the start of the academic year we will now take a small number of additional steps to reduce the opportunity for the virus to spread:

Additional steps:

- We have postponed whole school assemblies, moving to an online assembly shown in class. *Unfortunately, this means we will be unable to host the usual celebration assembly with parents on Friday. We will host a virtual assembly in school for classes only.*
- We will run split lunch arrangements and this allows us to sit groups as far apart as possible.
- We will now advise parents if their child should have a PCR test if they are deemed to be close contacts of a positive case.

We will also continue to undertake the following steps.

Steps that we will continue to undertake:

- Ensure children with symptoms remain at home and take an LFD test.
- Hygiene protocols strictly followed by staff and children.
- Routine LFD tests twice weekly completed by all staff.
- Staff to wear face masks in communal areas, such as in crowded spaces (corridors, staff rooms and halls)
- All class rooms, halls and corridors to be fully ventilated with doors and windows open (*temperature is monitored to ensure children and staff are comfortable*)
- CO2 monitors installed in all classrooms and readings are monitored regularly.
- Thorough cleaning of high touch points across the school.
- Record positive cases and ensure that children isolate for the required time before returning to school as per the government guidance.
- To strongly advise children under 18 and staff fully vaccinated who are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19, to take a LFD test every day for 7 days. They can continue to attend as normal if they have a negative result.
- Actively encourage PCR testing for wider symptoms.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at school. Although the information above may present challenges for families, we are doing the very best we can in difficult circumstances to keep our school and wider community as safe as possible.

The current governments advice around stay at home guidance can be accessed through this link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> .

Kindest regards,

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