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Dear parent and carer

I hope you are well? I wanted to write to you to keep you in the loop with regards to certain events that are going on at the moment.

Firstly, as you will be aware the government has decided that as of Thursday 27th January 2022, Plan B controls are coming to an end. This means that face coverings will no longer be needed to be worn in school. However, if people wish to continue wearing them then that is fine.

Secondly, we have now received test kits in school and these will be distributed to your child(ren). It is strongly encouraged that your children test themselves on a regular basis. Further information on testing can be found [here](#)

With regards to vaccinations, we have had the second round of vaccinations for those pupils who were eligible and wanted them. Should your child become available for a vaccination in the future we believe that you will need to book this outside of school.

Whilst there are measures being removed from us on Thursday, we will still continue to keep an eye on how Covid is going and ask that you support us in this by following the government guidelines and advice.

We are receiving strong messages from the government that exams will go ahead this year at all levels. We therefore expect that SATs, GCSEs and A levels will happen and that pupils need to prepare for them. As always when we hear anything about exams we will let the pupils and their parents/carers know. If you have a child in years 11 and 13 please make sure that they know exams are going ahead and they must work for them both in school and at home.

For parents of year 9s, they are currently carrying out their GCSE option choices. For parents in year 8 you should hear soon about your child's year 9 placement for September 2022.

Unfortunately, I also need to let you know that Miss Da Prato who works at the Elsdon Avenue site is not in school at the moment as she is seriously ill. We will continue to support the pupils who she works with to the best of our ability and I am sure you will join us in sending our very best wishes to her.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support as we continue to offer the best education that we can for your children. It is my biggest wish that we can have a sense of normality in education as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Barnes'.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher