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**Respect Ourselves, Respect others, Respect our School, Love God**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you all well and ready to journey into the spring term. As you will be aware coronavirus has not left us and through the Christmas period we have experienced some changes which are detailed below.

### Face coverings

All staff will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas e.g. corridors, staffroom, hall etc as well as when coming into close contact with your child e.g. hearing them read or administering first aid.

We would also ask that if you come in to speak with someone in the office you are wearing a face mask too. Please also consider if your query can be dealt with via email or telephone to save you coming into the building.

### Contact tracing

The current guidance on contact tracing remains in place. As schools are not required to "Track and Trace" we will not be notifying parents of any positive cases in school. This is in line with government guidance and to protect the privacy of the children and families involved. I am sure that you appreciate and support the sensitive nature around this. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

### Isolation

Should you experience a positive case within your household the individual is asked to isolate for the next 10 full days. The individual can return to their normal routine once the ten days has passed if their symptoms (high temperature) have gone.

The positive individual may also be able to end their self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days.

They can take an Lateral Flow Device test (LFD) from 6 days after the day their symptoms started (or the day the test was taken), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later.

If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, self-isolation may end after the second negative test result and they may return to their normal routine. This is taken directly from government guidance and also applies to children.

### Hygiene

Handwashing and respiratory hygiene still remain our most important tools in keeping us safe. Please know that children will be washing their hands first thing in the morning,

after playtime, before lunch, after lunch and then before they come home. This has not changed and will continue.

I will keep you updated with further information as it is shared but if you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

Mrs Victoria McBrown  
Headteacher

