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Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year everyone, I really hope that you have managed to enjoy your break with your family and that you have all been safe and well. As planned, we will be open to all as expected on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

I thought it may be useful to contact you to reassure you about a safe return for us all.

So far staff have done a brilliant job at keeping each other safe and providing a safe environment for our children, we have only had a handful of positive cases. We will aim to keep business as normal as possible and keep disruption to a minimum, however you will appreciate that this may become more challenging the more cases we have, please understand that every decision we make has the children's education at the heart of it.

Please remember that if anyone in the household has symptoms then the **whole household should self-isolate until test results are received** and only then return to school if the test result is negative. Please **do not send children to school if a member of the household has symptoms**. Please continue to **wear face coverings on site**. We ask that you continue to follow public health advice and be sure that you inform school immediately of the results of a test and follow this guidance.

1. If someone with symptoms tests negative for coronavirus (COVID-19), then they should stay at home until they are recovered as usual from their illness but can safely return thereafter. The only exception to return following a negative test result is where an individual is separately identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, when they will need to self-isolate for **10** days from the date of that contact.
2. If someone with symptoms tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should continue to self-isolate until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should all self-isolate for the full **10 days from the day after the individual tested positive**.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. Together we can get through this.

Stay safe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Ansell', written in a cursive style.

Anne Ansell

Head Teacher