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Return to school

Dear Parents/Carers

First of all, I would like to wish all of you a happy new year and I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the festive season.

We find ourselves returning to school in potentially challenging circumstances. The current high infection rate of the omicron variant is likely to have an impact on schools and education. Although we are hopeful that any disruption will be minimal, it is important we prepare as much as possible. Below I have outlined what we will be doing as a school.

Additional measures

All classrooms will have windows and doors open as much as reasonably possible. Ventilation is very important in reducing the spread of covid and we will use the monitors provided to the school to check that rooms are well ventilated. This will mean that classrooms will be colder than usual but we are happy for children to wear their coats and to wear extra layers so they keep warm. Please ensure that children dress appropriately.

Teachers will use outdoor learning where appropriate.

Staff meetings/training will take place remotely to reduce the contact that staff have with each other.

Staff already wear masks in communal areas and will continue to do so.

Remote learning

As we have done throughout this year, we will be providing remote learning for children who are unable to come to school because they are self-isolating. From next week the core learning in Maths and English and the school's knowledge organisers (which outline the key information in our topics) will be posted on google classroom (tapestry for Early Years) by 9am at the start of each week. Work will be marked by the teachers and advice given where needed.

If whole classes need to self-isolate and/or staff in the year group have to self-isolate, but are well enough to work, then the remote learning will be enhanced but at a minimum the children will be able to follow the core learning in their class so they are well prepared when they return to school. Where possible it is important that the children complete the work set.

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If you do not have a device on which your child can access remote learning, and your child has to self-isolate, please contact the school.

If your child is not well enough to do the work, we do not expect them to do so.

When whole classes/year groups may be moved to remote learning

1. If there are very high number of cases in a class/year group and Public Health England advise the school that this group should be moved to remote learning.
2. If the level of staff absence at the school means that it is not possible to have all classes in.

On site education is always going to be the preferred method of teaching and learning and we know both our staff and our pupils feel this way. Our priority is to continue to provide this as long as we are able to do so. We know that school is the best place for children and unless your child is unwell/has to self-isolate then it is expected that they attend. We are very mindful of the considerable disruption children have had to their learning over the past 2 years and want to keep it to any further disruption to a minimum.

It is therefore only when we are advised to, or we cannot safely have all pupils in, that we will move classes to remote learning.

As a school community we are once again having to adapt and prepare for challenging circumstances. The focus of the school will always be on the education and wellbeing of our pupils and we will ensure we continue to provide a high-quality education for all our pupils.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

David Wilson

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