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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all have had a good Christmas and New Year. I know that you may have been affected by positive cases in your families; I hope that all are well and that you still managed to enjoy the holidays.

Thank you for keeping us informed about any positive cases that you have had over the break as well as if you have returned from abroad, it has been very useful in our tracking of cases across the school.

As you are aware, the new variant is showing that it spreads easily and that it may well affect our school community again over the coming term.

The school has an Outbreak Plan that was put into action with a couple of year groups last term.

The plan is aimed at keeping the school open for pupils but includes:

- year group classes being grouped together and separated from mixing with other year groups until the outbreak is over
- a slight change in drop off and pick up arrangements to help minimise mixing with other year groups
- after school clubs following their own outbreak plans.
- daily remote learning available for pupils who are isolating and who are well enough to take part in the learning.

At school, staff will be wearing face coverings in communal areas as well as ensuring that the safety procedures that are already in place are followed rigorously. We will also be reverting to virtual assemblies in the short term, at least until the Government review on 26th January. We will continue to share any new guidance with you as it is received.

We closely track children who are absent on a daily basis and rely heavily on the information that you provide us. We would be grateful if you continue to follow the procedures below so that we can try to keep the school running as smoothly as possible.

- Please keep children at home if they are at all unwell, even if they are not displaying typical COVID-19 symptoms.

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- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known.
- If negative, the child can end self-isolation. Further guidance to follow regarding isolation on receipt of a positive result.
- All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic Lateral Flow Device COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household.

Please do inform us of any positive test results (including any over the Christmas period) on the following email address. Thank you.

parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis
Headteacher

For further information and guidance:

How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)

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