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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back. I hope you and your family have enjoyed a good half term break.

Covid-19 Update

On 21 February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID-19 plan. In line with these changes, we have revised our ALP risk assessment. Our revised risk assessment will be posted on the school website in the coming days, but a summary of the key points can be found below.

What to do if your child tests positive for Covid-19...

- **Positive Cases** - Please do not send your child to school if they have a confirmed case of Covid-19 or they are awaiting a PCR test result. Please continue to report your child's absence from school in the normal way.
- **Returning to school following a positive test result** - If your child tests positive, they may take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and they can safely return to school. If a day 5 LFD test result is positive, they should continue taking LFD tests until they receive 2 consecutive negative test results or day 10 (whichever happens first).

We will be keeping the following restrictions in place ...

- **Risk assessment** - We will continue to maintain a Covid-19 risk assessment as well as a contingency plan in case we need to tighten restrictions again.
- **Hand Hygiene** - Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is now regular practice which we will maintain beyond Covid-19.
- **One-way systems to access the school sites and drop off without lining up** – Both these systems are working well to alleviate congestion and help parents who have drop offs to do at more than one site so it seems sensible to keep these systems in place going forward.
- **Respiratory Hygiene** - Staff will continue to promote 'catch it, bin it, kill it' with pupils as good practice.
- **Cleaning** - We will continue to maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule.
- **Keep occupied spaces well-ventilated** - We will continue to operate a ventilation plan for all rooms.

We will be lifting the following restrictions...

- **Face coverings** - Staff will no longer wear face coverings in school. Parents are requested to wear a face covering when calling into the main school offices as these can be busy areas; however, face coverings are optional if you attend school for a meeting etc.

- **Clubs** - We will gradually start to offer a wider variety of clubs as staff have more flexibility to work between classes. Swimming will recommence as soon as we are able to secure dates with the leisure centre.
- **Dining Halls/Breakfast Clubs and Playgrounds** - We are excited to begin planning the full reopening of yards and use of play equipment as the weather hopefully brightens up! Dining hall/breakfast/wraparound restrictions will be relaxed with staff having flexibility to group children rather than sitting children in year group rows.

As always, we will continue to monitor the situation and make changes to the risk assessment as necessary.

Yours sincerely

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