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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family have had a happy Christmas and that you were able to meet up with family and friends this year. I wish you health and happiness for 2022.

I must take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the children and staff for your support, resilience and 'Aim High' attitude in the last two, very challenging weeks of the Autumn Term. It was very disappointing not to be able to hold the Christmas Shows but I hope you took some joy from the virtual Class 1 Nativity. We are going to review what we hold at Christmas as sadly, I fear Covid may cause similar problems in the next few years. I am a huge believer in children performing live as it gives them confidence and joy and brings the community together. Therefore, we will look to hold Class Assemblies in the Spring and Summer Terms, when the weather is more reliable and we can hold these outside, if needed. Once dates are confirmed, I will share these with you via the newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

COVID Update

Here are the changes we are implementing based on updated Government guidance:

- If your child tests positive with COVID-19, it is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative rapid Lateral Flow Device (LFD) taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. Please inform the school office if your child is positive and forward a copy of your child's PCR test result.
- If someone your child lives with is positive for COVID-19, please can they do daily rapid LFD tests (1 a day for 7 days). According to Government advice, they are able to attend school but please do inform the school office if someone in your child's home is positive and ensure that the person who brings them to school is COVID negative.

If you are struggling to obtain LFD tests, please ask the school office and we can provide these.

Staff will continue to wear face coverings and test 2 to 3 times per week.

Hand-washing and sanitising for children will continue and classroom windows will be open for ventilation.

We will maintain bubbles for the time being so drop-off and pick-up will continue as follows:

	Start of Day	End of Day
Class 4 + younger siblings	8:45 am	3:30 pm
Class 3 + younger siblings	8:50 am	3:25 pm
Class 2 + younger siblings	8:55 am	3:20 pm
Class 1	9:00 am	3:15 pm

Please continue to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and us the one-way system

In the mornings, walk in an anti-clockwise direction:

- Arrival: Please walk down from the Parish Hall Car Park via the gravel path and into school.
- Maintain social distancing at all times.
- Departure: Please follow the arrows on the ground, and walk up the side pedestrian path through the side gate, cross over the zebra crossing and up the main school drive.

In the afternoons, please do the reverse in a clock-wise direction:

- Arrival: Please walk out of the Parish Hall Car Park and up the main school drive, cross over the zebra crossing and up the pedestrian path through the side gate and on to the school site
- Maintain social distancing at all times.
- Departure: Please leave via the main school gate and via the gravel path to the Parish Hall Car Park

Wild Tribe

Class 1 and 2 will do Wild Tribe on Tuesday afternoons. They will require waterproofs and wellies to wear over their uniform or if they don't have waterproofs, children should bring in long sleeve tops and trousers (not jeans) and a waterproof coat. Long hair must be tied up.

After School Clubs

These will commence week 10th January and a link to the booking sheet will be shared this week.

On Tuesdays, Class 3 & 4 will have Netball Club with Di Stanbury.

On Thursdays Class 1 & 2 will have Football Club with Scott Hayler.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy new year,

Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher

