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Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you had a great Christmas and managed to find time to make lots of memories.

We have been really impressed with how our children have quickly settled back into routines and already this week, I have had queues of children at my door eager to show off their amazing work! It makes us very proud to see how committed they are to their learning and the smiles on their faces when they produce work that they are really proud of.

As you will no doubt have heard, there are some changes being made to the COVID testing and isolation guidance, which will begin on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Any person (including children) testing positive on a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test, who **does not** show any symptoms, is no longer required to request a follow-up PCR test and should begin their 10-day isolation from the date of the LFD test. If you subsequently develop symptoms during your isolation period, you should start your 10-day isolation again, from the date the symptoms started.

If a person has symptoms and tests positive on a LFD test, they are still required to take a follow up PCR, but should start their 10-day isolation from the date the symptoms first started.

In either of the cases above, self-isolation can be ended early if a person tests negative on 2 consecutive LFD tests (taken 24-hours apart) with the first test taken no earlier than day 6 of isolation. For example, if you take a LFD test on day 6 and day 7 and both come back as negative, you are able to end your self-isolation. If you test on day 6 and it is positive, then try again on days 7 and 8.

Where your child has tested positive on either a LFD or PCR test, please notify the school as soon as possible. The class teacher will make contact with you to check-in, as well as discuss any remote learning that can be put in place (as long as your child is well enough to complete it).

As it stands, the infection rate in the city, like that in many other parts of the country, is very high and likely to increase over the coming days. We need to do all we can to minimise the likelihood of an outbreak in our school community so, until further notice, the following will be in place:

- All whole-school assemblies will be postponed and moved to online virtual assemblies. This, I'm afraid, includes Friday's celebration assemblies for the time being. We will revert to posting our certificate winners on our website and Facebook pages.
- All visitors into the school building will be required to continue to wear a face covering unless medically exempt.



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- We will continue to ask children to wash and sanitise their hands regularly.
- Classroom windows will be kept open to ensure good ventilation. Due to the time of the year, this means it is likely that classrooms will be cold so please send your child to school with an appropriate winter coat.

Our priority remains to keep our school functioning as normally as possible as we are well aware of the impact of children not being able to access face-to-face learning can have.

If you are ever in doubt as to what you need to do, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will more than happy to provide further support and guidance where applicable.

As always, thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart Mills".

Stuart Mills
Headteacher