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Newsletter 5 – Return to school

Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year! I hope you have had a restful and fun-filled break with your family. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow (Wednesday 5th January).

Since last term the Department for Education (DfE) have updated their guidance which is important to share with you:

Self-isolation

People who test positive for Covid-19 can now reduce their self-isolation to 7 days if lateral flow tests on days 6 and 7 of the isolation period (taken at least 24 hours apart) are both negative and they do not have a high temperature. In this situation your child could return to school on day 8. This applies to adults and children (including children under the age of 5, at parents / guardians' discretion).

Therefore, if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 they can return to school after 7 days of isolation following two negative lateral flow tests. For further information, please see this [guidance](#). Please contact the school to notify us of a positive test result.

Close contacts

The advice around lateral flow testing of children has changed. Fully vaccinated adults and now children over the age of 5, who are identified as close contacts of someone with Covid-19, should now take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal (unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time).

Thank you for remaining vigilant for possible Covid-19 symptoms and your understanding of the measures we need to keep in place. Let's hope the national situation improves over the coming few weeks and months.

Further information about the coming term, including events taking place, will be shared shortly.

Thank you for your on-going support and we look forward to a busy and exciting term as we start 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher