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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful rest over the summer break and are eager to return to school life.

Recently the Covid-19 guidance and expectations have changed and school have had to adapt accordingly. At the moment, we are all getting used to the new requirements, so please bear with us if we have 'new' situations where we need to seek advice before we can answer your questions. Regarding the school office, the most effective way to keep pupils, staff, parents and carers safe is to make contact via email or telephone. This will enable us ensure the same message is being delivered and to direct people to the appropriate part of the school if they do need to visit in person.

The most significant change for schools is that individuals, both adults and children, are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, and any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated.
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months.
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid-19 vaccine trial.
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed that they have been a close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Everyone who has one of the symptoms of Covid-19 should isolate and await results of a PCR test as they did before. Children who have symptoms of Covid-19 will not be able to return to school until a negative PCR test has been obtained. Any child who tests positive for Covid-19 will not be able to return to school for at least 10 days following the onset of symptoms.

All the staff are enthusiastic to have the children in school and are looking forward to the learning and social opportunities that are planned for the forthcoming term.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or queries and we will do our very best to help.

Thank you again for your support and understanding as we get to grips with another new set of expectations. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Kind regards

Thomas Henesey



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