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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

We hope all of our families have had a wonderful break and we are delighted to be able to welcome you back. It is so nice to have the school full of children again and they have settled back into the routines brilliantly.

Here are the latest COVID notices for you to keep you informed:

- Today we have been issued with a new Local Authority risk assessment and it states:
 - Children **must not** come into school if they have **symptoms** or a **positive test result**.
 - All children identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a Lateral Flow test every day for 7 days and then they can continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result.
- We have unfortunately, an increasing number of staff absent from school due to illnesses, including COVID. It is very difficult to source agency staff, but the staff team are very flexible and will continue to work across school to ensure we do our best to stay open for your children. As the situation unfolds, I will keep you informed but if absences increase, we may need to consider merging or closing classes during staff isolation periods. This would be a last resort and we will exhaust every other option first. **Please do follow this guidance to support us as a staff team, so that we can stay well and in school.**
- If your child is absent due to COVID, but is well enough to still access learning remotely, we will support them to access live sessions. When you alert us to the absence, this will trigger a phone call from us to support with this.

Thank you as always for supporting us. If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do get in touch so that we can help you.

Very best wishes

Mr Garry Johnson
Head teacher

