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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been able to enjoy the festive break with your children and wish you all the very best for the new year ahead.

I am pleased to confirm that school will be fully open to all children tomorrow (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January) and that we will continue to work within the same safety measures that were in place before we finished for the Christmas holidays. You may have heard in the media about staffing levels in schools being a concern across the country. At this stage, we are confident that we will be able to fully staff our school provision when we return tomorrow. Although we are aware of a few staff absences, arrangements are in place to cover them.

As we work together to keep our school community as safe from COVID-19 as possible, please continue to be vigilant regarding the symptoms of the virus and note the following:

- Any child or family member presenting with the most common symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough and/or; high temperature and/or; a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell) must isolate and should arrange to take a PCR test. If you choose for your child not to take a PCR test, your child will be required to isolate for 10 days.
- Due to the outbreak at our school before the holidays, if you or your child have wider symptoms of the virus, you can register for a PCR test online at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) and tick the box that says your local authority asked you to take a test. For more information about the wider symptoms and booking a test, please see the COVID safe page on our school website <https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/page/covid-safe/66756>
- **Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19**  
Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.  
Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.
- **Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19**  
People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless



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they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend school while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

In the meantime and until we have more information regarding the extent of the spread of the virus across our school community, we will continue to minimise the merging of year groups and communal events within school. If the need arises to introduce further measures in order to minimise the spread of the virus, or if there are any further outbreaks of COVID-19 in classes or year groups, we will communicate this to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming your children back tomorrow. If you have any queries or concerns, please make contact via the school office from tomorrow morning.

Best wishes,



Mrs Liz Hardy  
Executive Headteacher

