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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome Back and Arrangements for January 2022

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to seeing all of our children and families tomorrow. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Please see yesterday's letter from our CEO, Alun Williams, regarding the latest government updates in relation to COVID and their implications for all schools.

We will continue to implement safety measures including maintaining good ventilation, regular cleaning and frequent hand washing.

Please ensure your child is dressed warmly. It is advisable to wear additional layers underneath their school uniform. Children will be allowed to wear coats in class if necessary.

Whilst assemblies will be held online or limited to one phase, we will not be teaching children in 'bubbles'. Children will still be allowed to mix outside at lunchtimes and breaktimes.

Volunteers play a vital role in school and will still be extremely welcome. We do ask volunteers to carry out a lateral flow test before coming to school each time and to wear a mask in communal areas.

Although the risk of transmission is much reduced outside, due to numbers at drop off and home time, parents and carers are asked once again to wear a mask when on the school site.

Our full, updated risk assessment can be found here on our website.

It is important that children's education is impacted as little as possible. If your child is feeling a bit 'under the weather', please still send them to school. It's amazing how being active, learning and seeing friends can distract children into feeling better! If a child has one or more possible symptoms of COVID, however, please err on the side of caution and arrange a PCR test <u>before</u> they return to school.

We are obviously determined to avoid class closures. Such an eventuality would be an absolute last resort. We need to be prepared, however, and are therefore resetting the Google Classroom passwords for children in Nursery to Year 4, so that in the worst case







scenario we are able to restart remote learning and provide you with uptodate login details as quickly as possible. Children in Year 5&6 use their individual logins on a regular basis already. These will not be changed.

Thank you once again for your support.

Best wishes,

Alun Randell

Head Teacher