



6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to confirm arrangements over the next few weeks and for the start of the new term.

After the holidays, all pupils will return to school at **8.20am** on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

### **COVID-19 testing for pupils over the holidays**

Pupils are encouraged to follow general public health advice and continue to test when at risk, i.e. in situations where they are more likely to catch or spread COVID-19. This includes if they spend time in crowded and enclosed spaces or before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they catch COVID-19.

### **COVID-19 arrangements from January**

During the second term, the school will continue to take steps to minimise the risk of infection. This includes:

- There will continue to be increased ventilation in classrooms and enhanced cleaning, including regular disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands and use sanitiser regularly.
- Staff will wear masks in shared areas.
- Pupils will remain in their bubbles for lunch and playtimes.

### **Pupils who test positive for COVID-19**

- Pupils who have one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change of taste/smell) must isolate at home and get a PCR test immediately.
- The result of the test should be shared with the school.
- If a pupil tests positive, they will isolate in line with guidance from NHS Test and Trace.
- Asymptomatic pupils who test positive with a Rapid Lateral Flow test (either in school or at home) must isolate at home immediately and get a PCR test within 2 days to confirm the result.

### **Omicron variant**

The new Omicron variant of COVID-19 has been identified as a variant of concern. Any close contact of someone who has tested positive for the COVID-19 Omicron variant is legally required to isolate for 10 days from the point of last contact. This is regardless of age and vaccination status. Close contacts linked to the



COVID-19 Omicron variant will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and they will then be provided with details about self-isolation.

We really appreciate your support with this. If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Daddy', written in a cursive style.

Clare Daddy

Principal