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Dear Parent and Carers

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the Christmas holidays and has managed to make the best of the restrictions during Christmas itself. Happy New Year to you all.

I am sure, like me, everyone is watching the news to see what the latest restrictions and or changes mean for Staffordshire and you may also be watching the announcements about schools which is why I wanted to send this communication.

All existing protocols and arrangements remain in place. It is important that we continue to socially distance when on the school site and for all adults to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting children.

We need to continue to do everything that we can to ensure that school does not become a cause of community transmission. With this in mind, please ensure that you contact school to advise us if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, is awaiting a test result, or tests positive. In these circumstances we would remind you that your child/ren should not come in to school and the appropriate isolation periods are followed.

As a school we fully appreciate that these continue to be uncertain times, and some parents have taken the decision for their children to remain at home. As I write this letter, schools have not received any updated guidance from the government in relation to the 'new variant' so we will therefore not be authorising these absences. As mentioned above, we understand the difficult choices that face us all, and we very much want to continue to work together. As and when schools receive updated guidance that impacts on this issue we will advise you of it.

Keep safe.

Kind regards

Mr David Wood
Headteacher

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