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Newsletter Spring 1

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time over Christmas and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, for those of you who were able. The children have returned to school happy and settled, and are easing themselves back into the school routine.

### Covid update

We continue to follow all of the government guidance around the covid restrictions currently in place for education settings, and monitor any positive reported cases daily. If your child tests positive for covid, please contact school as soon as possible to let us know, as we need to monitor the numbers of positive cases in each year group closely, as we did before the holidays.

There are currently no plans to move any year groups to remote learning, and as the weeks and months progress, we will follow contingency plans in order to enable all year groups to remain open for face to face learning. You may have seen in the media this week, the national staffing crisis amongst public sector workers. Staff in school are lateral flow testing twice weekly, and anyone who is identified as being in close contact with a positive case, is testing daily. If we reach the point where we do not have sufficient staff in school to open safely, then a move to remote learning may need to be put in place, but this would always be the very last resort.

From 11<sup>th</sup> January, the guidance changes, and any children or adults testing positive on a lateral flow test (LFT) will not need to go for a PCR test to have this confirmed. They will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of any symptoms, or from the day the test was taken if asymptomatic (so the day of the test is Day 0 and the following day would be Day 1 of the isolation period).

From Day 6 they can start to take further lateral flow tests, and if they read negative on Days 6 and 7 (with a 24 hour period in between each test) then that person can return to school after the 7<sup>th</sup> day (so on Day 8). A positive reading on Day 6 means a test can be done on Days 7, 8 and 9 and as long as 2 consecutive tests are negative, then that person can return to school the following day.

Once 10 days are up, even if the LFT is still coming back as positive, the person can return to school from Day 11.

Please refer to the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for further information should you need it, or give school a call.

Unfortunately, we are not able to resume any after school clubs currently that involve children mixing with those from other year groups. As soon as this changes, we will let parents know and they can begin once again.

## Character update

The character values, which the children are learning about this month, are *Optimism* and *Gratitude*. We have talked to the children about what these values might look like in day to day practical terms, and how they can be optimistic and grateful, both at school and at home.



## School gates

Please can the children be very careful when riding scooters and bikes close to the main gates, as some have bumped into the gates with their wheels which cause the sensitive electronic sensors to stop working. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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Head teacher