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Dear Parent,

I hope you had a good festive period and ask that you allow me to take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year. Over the course of the last few days, I have sent some information out through social media regarding our return to school and wanted to follow this up with detailed information after I have had a chance to speak to key Station personnel today. Whilst we are awaiting official BFC wide direction but until that is finalised, we have made the following arrangements:

We are appreciative that the Station have offered to test all students twice weekly on the school site. This allows us to conform to the current BFC guidance and negates the need for families to conduct home testing unless your child is absent on the days of the LFD test, or you do not consent to testing at school. The primary aim of this testing is to keep the school community safe and the school open

In the interim period we have also reduced the bubble sizes to those that were in effect at the beginning of the academic year (this is inclusive of break times).

We are following advice from the health service on hygiene, ventilation and face coverings. Students are required to wear face masks whilst in class in addition to when moving around school. You are asked to provide your child with an appropriate face covering for school.

If you are unsure as to whether you should send your child to school based on illness or isolation protocol, I ask that you call school and we will give advice.

I appreciate that the increase in measures can cause frustration, but I am sure you understand, based on the current epidemiological situation it is important to keep the school community safe and the students in school.

I am hopeful that over the next few days I will be able to provide you with more clear guidance moving forward.

I thank you for your support

Yours faithfully,

Richard Sproson Headteacher