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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and have enjoyed spending time with your family and friends.

School reopens on Thursday 6th January for all children. **Please note that there will be no Breakfast club available on Thurs 6th and Fri 7th January.** The school will be open this week from 8.45am. No supervision is available before this time so please do not drop children off before 8.45am. Pupils who arrive between 8.45 and 9am will be supervised in class groups in the hall. Pupils who arrive between 9.00 and 9.15am should go to their classrooms through their usual entrance. Breakfast club will reopen on Monday 10th January.

I would like to thank our school community for all their communication and understanding regarding Covid 19 to date. As a school we have so far managed to navigate our way through these unprecedented times with minimal disruption since our restart in September. Unfortunately, the current high levels of infection in the community may lead to potential disruption to learning in the new term as pupils and staff may have to isolate.

I ask as we start this new term to continue to be cautious. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick or have symptoms. If there is someone within your household with Covid or awaiting Covid test results, please consider keeping your children at home and contact myself at the school. We must be respectful of each other and try to limit the spread of Covid 19.

There is a great shortage of substitute teachers and support staff at the moment. There may be occasions due to high levels of staff absence or cluster outbreaks in year groups that individual year groups may have to move to remote learning. I want to assure parents that this would be a last resort and only used whenever it is deemed the safest option after consultation with the relevant health and education authorities. We will continue to use the in school mitigation measures and class bubbles system to ensure the safest possible learning environment for the pupils and staff at the school.

Enjoy the last of the holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

P.Quinn
Principal