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Dear Parents,

I hope you all have had a good Christmas and are looking forward to the start of a new term on Thursday 6 January. I am writing to outline some of the changes in The Operational Guidance for schools [Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak).

We will continue to ask parents and children to arrive between 8.45am and 9am each morning. It is worth reminding everyone that we can all help make the school a safer place. Please make sure that no adult or child with symptoms enters the school grounds (see details of symptoms <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>).

Children are not required to wear masks, and face coverings will not be required inside the classrooms. Face coverings should be worn by all adults when moving around corridors and communal areas but do not need to be worn outdoors.

The guidance continues to emphasise the importance of good hygiene and ventilation. We will continue to open doors and windows in the classrooms to increase ventilation whenever possible, so please make sure that children wear warm clothing. We will also go outside as much as possible, so please ensure the children bring a coat every day.

The guidance on self isolating has been updated and children do not now need to isolate for the full 10 days if they have no symptoms. They can now return to school on day 8 if have reported a negative Lateral Flow Test on day 6 and day 7. Children who are close contacts are also no longer required to self isolate but are advised to take a Lateral Flow Test for 7 days instead. [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

With many cases being reported locally the situation is likely to continue to be challenging, but I would like to reassure parents that we will continue to do our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. The guidance is constantly being reviewed and I will keep you updated by email and text if anything changes.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Thursday.

Best wishes

Simon Walters

Headteacher: Mr S. Walters