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Dear Parent

I write to bring you up to date with our plans for students returning to school next week.

Whilst high numbers of Covid cases are being recorded nationally, there has been no updated guidance provided to schools with regard to further measures nor how schools should operate when staff and students test positive, other than that provided to the population generally.

Nevertheless, throughout last term, we felt confident to make decisions based upon existing guidance and what we felt was the best for our students and school staff. This allowed us to remain open for all students with the minimum of disruption to learning and with relatively low staff and student absence.

Unless we receive further DfE or Public Health guidance in the meantime, our plan for the return of students to school will therefore be as follows;

- All students will return to school on Wednesday 5 January at 8.30am
- We urge parents to test their children on Tuesday evening before returning to school, where possible
- Testing will also take place in school for those children whose parents have requested us to do so
- Staff and students will continue to be required to wear face coverings in communal areas in school, unless there is a known exemption. Please provide your child with a suitable face covering for the start of term
- Calendared events will be adjusted appropriately to limit opportunities for students and staff to mingle in large groups and we will keep you informed of these as the term proceeds
- If the incidence of cases in school reaches a level at which we are unable to function normally, we will introduce our contingency plan which may include some elements of home learning for students. If this is the case, we will communicate early and clearly with you at all times.



There is no doubt that the coming weeks are going to be difficult yet again for our entire school community. Throughout the pandemic, your support and trust has been invaluable and has enabled us to make decisions that we feel are best for us all.

We do not take your trust for granted and are committed to keep you as updated as possible with regard to the operation of the school and the decisions we have made.

May I also take the opportunity to wish you and your family a safe, prosperous and very Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V Groak', written in a cursive style.

Mr V Groak  
Headteacher