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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all parents who have supported our staggered January return to school, we very much look forward to all students learning at school, face to face, on Monday. I greatly appreciate the extra efforts of support with remote learning, testing and helping your child adapt to the change in daily practices. In total we had 83% of students take up the offer of an onsite test before return, some of course unable to do so due to current illness or isolation. In total, we handed out over 1000 LFT home testing kits to students and detected 11 positive asymptomatic cases. Students, as always, were absolutely fantastic - a real credit to our community. Each day our volunteers remarked on how polite and respectful our students were throughout the process. Please do continue twice weekly testing at home and a reminder that when you visit the school for an event, please complete a lateral flow test before arrival.

Attendance coding recording for schools has changed at the direction of the Department for Education. You will now start to see an 'I' code (Illness) if a positive test is recorded and your child is absent from school as a result of following the isolation instruction. This unfortunately, will affect a child's attendance record, as illness is an authorised absence. However, students will not be penalised as a consequence of being absent due to COVID, and this will be taken into consideration when we give attendance rewards and if required, attendance concern letters. Regardless of the change to coding, if your child is well enough and absent from school for a COVID related issue, remote learning will always be provided.

As part of our continued use and development of our Go4Schools software (G4S), we have enabled the 'Home Notes' facility when we record information about students. This enables staff to provide optional additional detail to parents on consequence and reward event entries. Although staff will not complete additional notes for every reward / behaviour update, it may be a useful way for us to provide parents with more specific, personalised information when we allocate certain events such as Head Teacher's Awards. This detail will only be viewable through the parent webpage access (rather than the app) in G4S by clicking into the 'Event Details' for a behaviour / reward entry.

I look forward to this term, and the opportunity to see some of you in a face to face capacity this year.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher