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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break and wish you all a very happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts and thoughtful words in cards to staff for Christmas.

The children have all settled back into school and it has been great to see them all working so hard this week. I have some happy news and Covid updates that I would like to share with all.

Welcome and happy news

We are excited to welcome Miss Hawthorne to the All Saints' team. She will be replacing Miss Broad when she leaves to start her maternity leave in the next few weeks. We are fortunate that Miss Hawthorne has started the term with us as it gives her the opportunity to get to know all of the children across the school as well as those that she will be teaching in Beech class. I know that she will be a wonderful addition to the school.

I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Shuttleworth is expecting her second child at the end of this term. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating her and her husband on this very happy news and we now look forward to welcoming two new babies into the world in 2022.

Board Games

If you are clearing out any old games to make way for new Christmas presents, please consider donating them to school. Breakfast and afterschool would like to update the games and puzzles that we have available to the children. We would be very grateful to receive any games or puzzles that are no longer played with at home.

Clubs

New before, and after, school clubs will be starting again next week. Look out for letters coming home with your child at the beginning of next week and return the permission slip to school as soon as possible if you would like your child to take part in any of them.

Covid Update

As you will be aware, the rules and updates that are being given by the government about Covid are constantly changing. I will do my best to inform you of any information that affects the children as soon as possible. Please be aware that we have already had cases reported to school this week and I only imagine that these numbers will rise. Staff continue to take extra precautions to prevent the spread of the virus whilst trying to keep your child's education as normal as possible. All staff will be carrying out LFD tests twice a week but this has not been recommended for primary aged children at this stage unless your child has been identified as a close contact.

I have put together a summary of the updated information that affects your children and school below.

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Daily testing for close contacts of Covid-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.

New Isolation Period

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

Online learning

If your child tests positive for Covid, and well in themselves, they will be able to access their learning as most lessons in school will be streamed live. Your child's class teacher will share the links your child needs via Class Dojo and will post the accompanying work onto MS Teams.

I think that this term is yet again going to be challenging due to Covid but I would like to thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, as always please do not hesitate to contact me or their class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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