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Dear Parents/Carers

### COVID-19 Mitigation Update

We wrote to you just after half term to request your support in implementing our COVID-19 mitigations to help us minimise the spread of the virus where possible. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in following these local guidelines.

In school, we have continued to see positive cases among learners and staff but we believe the measures we have put in place have supported reducing these. We are continuing to monitor closely and work directly with BCP and Public Health Dorset. Due to the current case volume locally, BCP and PHD have announced further enhanced measures across BCP and Dorset for another fortnight, this is under regular review.

Therefore, there are some restrictions that we have taken the decision to remain in place until the New Year.

- ✓ Staff will continue to wear face coverings in all communal areas and at pick up and drop off.
- ✓ Staff may choose to wear a mask when in classrooms
- ✓ We ask that all adults wear a mask when on the school site. This includes around the one-way system at pick up and drop off, unless exempt
- ✓ Should you need to come into the office please ensure you have a mask on and wait outside if there is more than 2 people already in the area;
- ✓ Only essential visitors will be invited into school, by appointment only and authorised by the Head of School;
- ✓ Adults within school will continue to lateral flow test at least twice a week;
- ✓ School trips and fixtures will be risk assessed individually and reviewed weekly. There may be potential last-minute cancellations, please be prepared for this. We also may need to put further mitigations in place to lower the risk so the trip can continue.
- ✓ Stopping all mixed year group activities including UBC and assemblies;
- ✓ Stopping all additional events such as discos, film night and the Christmas Fayre;
- ✓ Breaktimes and lunchtimes will continue to run within a year group.
- ✓ After school clubs will continue to run (we have added extra measures where possible to allow these to continue)

We will continue to regularly review and update you accordingly. We have carefully considered how we mitigate risk without causing too much additional disruption to you as families as well as ensuring the wellbeing of our learners.

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We know many of you will be sad to hear we will not be running any additional events such as the Christmas Fayre again this year. We too are sad and it is not the situation we had hoped we would be in however our priority is everybody's safety as well as ensuring we can continue to offer our in-school curriculum. We desperately want learners to have access to a full curriculum, subsequently meaning we have needed to pause some of the mixed events planned over the remainder of the term. In addition to this, an incredible amount of work goes into the planning and preparation of these events by our PTA and we do not wish to cause them unnecessary workload should we take the decision to cancel last minute. Therefore, we would rather plan ahead and give our families plenty of notice. Please do watch this space for some alternative Christmas events ran by our talented PTA.

With regards to in school Christmas events such as Nativity Performances and A Little Taste of Christmas we will continue to review these and keep you updated. As these are directly linked to Curriculum we will be continuing all the learning in school for these and will consider an alternative way of sharing with families if needed. It goes without saying that our preferred option will be to perform these live, however at this current point in time we are not able to finalise this. We promise to keep you updated and give as much notice as possible.

We will keep you informed of individual cases within your child's class or if they are identified as a close contact. If you have any concerns, questions or queries please do get in contact.

Best Wishes



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