

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school tomorrow and starting an exciting new year. I hope you have had a good break, although I am aware that many people will have had interruptions due to COVID.

In order to keep the school community as safe as we can, we will continue to follow all of the guidance available to us. Information that summarises our Risk Assessment can be found on our website:

<https://www.kingshamprimary.org.uk/page/?title=COVID%2D19&pid=104>

We will continue to ask parents and carers to be vigilant in supporting our risk assessment in school. Please ensure that if any of your children have any symptoms you seek a PCR test for the child and then isolate at home (do not send them into school). We will continue to ask that you wear masks when dropping your children off and picking them up.

Following several conversations with a range of parents and carers, we will now be sending an email notification to inform you if there has been a positive case, confirmed by a PCR test, in your child's class. Parents and carers have told me that they would prefer to be informed so that they can give their child a daily Lateral Flow test for 7 days. Equally, they have said that they may avoid contact with particularly vulnerable relatives at that time.

I must stress that:

- it is vital that your child continues to attend school so long as they are not showing any symptoms of COVID or have not tested positive for COVID
- the government advice remains we must continue to behave as if we have the virus and therefore the same careful measures should apply all of the time regardless of a notification of a positive case
- the rate of infection is so high that we will continue to experience cases throughout the Spring Term and beyond
- your child will mix with children who are not in their class throughout the day at break, lunch and for some lessons
- we will notify all parents and carers in the event of an outbreak at the school.

Thank you in advance for all of your support through this challenging time in keeping our school community safe.

Best new year wishes



Mr Lee Dallinger  
(Headteacher)

