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Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the tightening of restrictions and with only three weeks of term left, we have made the difficult decision to tighten the restrictions within school too.

Immediate changes will be:

- Staff will be continuing to Lateral Flow Test at least twice a week
- Face coverings will be worn by staff and visitors in all communal areas (unless exempt)
- Whole School Assemblies will be kept to a minimum with others being held online.
- Non-essential visitors to school will be kept to a minimum

It may be necessary to alter some of the other upcoming events, particularly those in the last week of term. Please bear with us and understand that any decision made has come from the best place; the safety of the children and our school community is paramount.

As we will have further increased ventilation in classrooms and around school, please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. They are welcome to wear additional layers **underneath** their school uniform and all children must have coats, hats, scarves and gloves for lunch and playtime. Children must wear their proper school uniform on top of any additional layers.

If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 or has been a close contact of someone who has recently tested positive, we would encourage you to get a test. Lateral Flow tests are not encouraged if your child has symptoms but are suitable if you believe your child to have been in contact with a positive case.

Please ensure you let school know ASAP any test results as this will have a direct impact on the actions we take.

If your child is required to isolate, your child's class teacher will put work on GoogleClassroom for them to do if they are well enough. Please let the office know if you require additional technology or resources to access the learning and we will ensure we get them to you.

We understand that Christmas is a special time for families; this year more than ever. Therefore we must work together, follow the guidance and keep ourselves and our school community safe.

Kind Regards

Hayley and Grant