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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and that you have managed to spend some quality time with your family and friends. The DFE announced that there will be no further restrictions for schools and therefore I am looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday.

Early Bird Club will be open from 8am. Please remember that children need to be booked in to Early Birds via the School Office and each session costs £1.

The school gates will be open from 8.30am – 9am and children will be offered breakfast when they arrive at school. All adults must wear a mask when dropping children off at the school gate and socially distance as much as possible. Children must be wearing school uniform and should only be bringing water in to school for during the school day. Please make sure your child has a named coat with them.

Children will also be allowed to come into school in their PE Kits on days when they have PE and Outdoor Learning. Each class will be sent notification of these days separately. The school PE kit is a plain black or school logo jogging suit, white or blue plain or school logo t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers.

All children should be in school every day and we will continue to monitor attendance rigorously. If your child is displaying any of these symptoms then you need to book them in for a PCR test:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

PCR tests can be booked by following this link: [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

The isolation period is now 7 days for anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, as long as they have a negative LFD test on Day 6 and Day 7. Children under 18 who are identified as close contacts, **DO NOT** need to self-isolate but are recommended to take an LFD test every day for 7 days.

Any child who needs to isolate will be expected to complete remote learning if they are well enough. This will be done via Teams or in paper format. Further information will be provided as and when this is necessary.

Staff will be wearing masks when they are not in their base class and staff teaching in more than one class will wear a face shield.

The current guidance is **NOT** to have bubbles in school, but as a precaution, we have grouped classes to try to minimise cross-contamination and build in staffing capacity. We have also re-introduced playground zones, a one-way system and individual class toilets. Additional ventilation and cleaning will continue to take place. Assemblies will also take place remotely via Teams.

The school gates will be open between 3.15pm and 3.30pm for children to be collected. All parents should wear a mask to collect their child, unless exempt for medical reasons. Staff will hand out masks at the school gate for anyone who forgets. This is to protect the whole school community. A full copy of our COVID-19 Risk Assessment can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these very challenging times and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Conroy".

Miss Debbie Conroy

Headteacher