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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update and risk management

Since January 2020, everyone in this school has worked their socks off to maintain the best education possible for our children; running on-site school at the same time as remote school, coming in on days off, working through school breaks and covering for staff who are ill. We provided food, clothing grants, white goods, and the best care and support possible for anyone and everyone in the community who has asked for it.

As we are in a global pandemic-we have to Risk Assess everything we do to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission. Due to our on-going vigilance and strict adherence to managing the risk of transmission, we have avoided multiple class-closures and had relatively few cases in school until recently. You have helped us in spotting symptoms in your children and getting them tested. Our staff also test frequently. We cannot drop our guard now. We have 12 school days left and do not want anyone to be poorly over the Christmas break.

We have had recent Covid + cases in school in addition to a rise in respiratory illnesses and are having to manage running the school on 20% reduced staffing. After discussion with Public Health and Camden, we implement the following measures to keep everyone safe:

Retain staggered beginning and end of the school day

Enhanced cleaning throughout the day

Strict adherence to social distancing in school between staff & hand handwashing and ventilation

Return of Key Stage bubbles

All meetings on Zoom including Parents Evening for Reception to Year 6 (7th & 8th Dec except Year 3 and Year 6 which are postponed until January due to staff sickness)

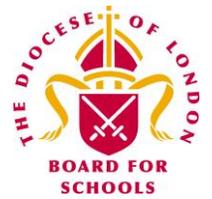
Virtual Collective Worship

A request that parents socially distance at school entrances and wear masks.

Nativity – Year 2 videoed in school and a link sent out to parents to watch. Only Year 2 are being videoed due to staffing restrictions and children with no permission to be recorded in other classes

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The best way you can protect the school is **by lateral flow testing your children twice a week**. Children with / without symptoms coming into school will spread the virus and there are worries about the new variant as you know. **Any child who has a positive result - please PCR test siblings as well.**

We must do everything we can to avoid a further spread of the virus, which could lead to class / school closure. Plus, those of us who have Covid know it really is nasty and makes you very poorly. No one wants that!

A final request; there are children coming to school 10/15 minutes late. Senior leaders who greet children on the gates are in classes so this is not helpful. The doors will close strictly at 9am and you may have to wait until someone is free to sign your late child in because we have reduced office capacity. Please leave early enough to get to school on time –thank you.

With your continued support and vigilance, we hope to get to the 17th December so everyone can enjoy a well-deserved and safe holiday,

Yours sincerely,

Jules Belton

Headteacher

