

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I am writing to update you on arrangements for the start of the new term in January.

We all recognise the uncertainty facing the country at the moment and that the next few weeks are critical regarding how the country responds to the Omicron variant. I am concerned that over the Christmas holidays, guidance on the running of schools during the pandemic will change. It is clear that the government may need to enforce additional restrictions in an attempt to stop the NHS from becoming overwhelmed.

We want you to know that we are planning for a range of possibilities. These could be summarised as follows –

1. Schools continue to run as they have this term.
2. Schools stay open but with the re-introduction of class bubbles.
3. Schools close and there is a school wide move to remote learning.
4. Schools are open but some pupils are asked to remote learn at home due to staffing shortages.

Up to now, we will be open as normal for all pupils on January 5<sup>th</sup>. If there are any changes over the holidays, we will text out to you and put the latest information on our websites.

Have a lovely Christmas break and a very Happy New Year.

See you in 2022.

Best wishes

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