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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a brilliant start to the new school year and it has been a real joy to welcome the children back into the school.

Many of you will be aware that Schools are now working under new Government Covid - 19 guidance. The guidance places an emphasis on keeping children in school, while balancing the remaining risks from Covid 19, now that the majority of the adult population has been vaccinated.

We are no longer keeping the children in 'bubbles'. This is particularly relevant to the start and end of the school day when you will have noticed that we no longer have staggered starts and finishes. Despite a few early days of crowded conditions, we have tweaked procedures and feel that the current arrangements are working. We will, however, continue to monitor and listen to feedback.

We continue to emphasise good hand hygiene with all of the children, ensuring regular opportunities to wash/sanitise throughout the school day. In addition, we are maintaining good ventilation throughout our school buildings.

In the event of a positive case of Covid instead of closing a bubble, or sending home all close contacts to isolate, we will be writing to the parents/carers of any close contacts and asking you to arrange a PCR test ASAP. There will be no need for you, or your child, to isolate while you wait for the results. If the results are positive, we would ask that you inform us and then start isolation. Our school also has an 'Outbreak Management Plan'. If we have a significant number of positive cases in one specific area of the school, we are obliged to work with Public Health Haringey to put control measures in place to try and prevent any further spread. We would, of course, write to you and explain what is happening in this scenario.

We will continue to write to you from time to time with reminders and new information. In the meantime, if you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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