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Alex Pearson – Executive Principal

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our pupils back into school today and they have got stuck into their learning immediately.

Over the break there has been updated Covid-19 guidance for schools, the last coming on Sunday morning. There are very few changes for primary aged children. We will continue to ventilate classrooms, so you may want to send your child in with an extra layer on if they complain about it being a bit cold (this morning was particularly so as the heating had gone off over the break!). Adults will be wearing masks in all communal areas, but primary aged children are not required to do so. As a precaution, staff will also wear masks outside of school at the start and end of the day, and we kindly ask that all adults choose to do the same. We have also reintroduced some other minor changes, such as year group bubbles at break times.

The only change that really affects primary schools is regarding clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19.

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 8.

Children under 5 are not recommended to take a LFD test, but it may be completed at parental or guardian discretion.

Any individual who does not take a LFD test must complete the full 10 day isolation period.

The Local Authority briefing to headteachers today confirmed that cases in Cherwell are extremely high, we therefore ask that all families continue to be cautious and, if they display symptoms, keep children at home and get them a PCR test.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Pearson
Executive Principal

