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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

What a year it has been! After a difficult year it finally appears that there may be a little light at the end of the tunnel. We are optimistic that over the next few months, we may be able to bring back some of the routines that are most important to school; namely those related to mixing the two classes. However excited we are, it is important that we remain cautious as COVID is still a threat to the most vulnerable in our community.

COVID Updates

Until we have clear guidance from the Department for Education that says otherwise, we will continue with the current measures we have in place. Continuing into January the most important, from a parent perspective are:

- The preschool, Class 1 and Class 2 will remain to be three separate bubbles.
- The picking up and dropping off routines will remain the same. **It is very important that you adhere to the one way system** for the time being - even if there appears to be no-one else around. You will understand why this is so important.
- We will still ask that parents do not come into the school/pre-school building.

I also want to clarify what you should do if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the break. **Please note that the following applies to pre-school children as well as primary-aged children.**

Parents and carers should continue to inform the school of confirmed cases if symptoms develop within 48 hours of last being in school. You should do this by emailing us at contacttracing@luckington.wilts.sch.uk. **Please do not email the main school or pre-school e-mail addresses with regards to this as they will not be monitored as regularly.**

If your child was not symptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school you should also contact the school by email contacttracing@luckington.wilts.sch.uk. This email address will be regularly monitored for six days up until 24.12.2020.

In your email you should share the details which are in the poster attached with this email. These include date of onset of symptoms, date of the test, date of the result, date your child was last in school, how they travel to school and any additional information. We will need this information to carry out a risk assessment of who may be a close contact.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since last being in school you do not need to contact us during the holidays. Instead you will need to follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

At the start of term in January you will need to inform us if your child is positive, self-isolating or symptomatic. There is a quick turnaround for booking a test and getting the result so please don't hesitate to book one if you or your child has any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Test centres will be open throughout the Christmas and new year period.

Attendance and Punctuality

While we have COVID measures in place, our start of the day times are:

Class 1: 8:50 - 9:00 (Register at 9:00 - anyone who arrives after this time will be marked as late)

Class 2 8:35 - 8:45 (Register at 8:55 - anyone who arrives after this time will be marked as late)

It is important to note that both teachers provide learning activities for this period at the start of the day. It is often a good time for children to catch up with anything they were unsure about the previous day, meaning they are ready for the next set of lessons.

Governing Body

Ben Russell - a long standing governor - has come to the end of his term on our governing body. Ben has been a tremendous support to us over a number years, so we wish him all the best in the future.

Breakfast and After School Activity Clubs

Both our clubs, particularly our after school session, have become very popular over the past couple of months. It is important that you book in

advance (the previous week if possible) so that Miss Schrader can prepare the resources for the activity they are doing, whether it's cooking or craft. Similarly, Miss Schrader will need to know who will be attending so that she has enough snacks. When the children come into after school club they have a biscuit and a drink and those who are staying after 4 pm will have something a little more substantial, such as beans on toast or crackers with cheese.

At the moment, we are also trying to minimise the mixing of our bubbles so by letting us know early, you help us put additional plans in place if we have lots of children from both classes. We discourage you from booking on the day unless it's an emergency.

And finally...

We have attached a few important documents to this e-mail; please take the time to read them.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you enjoy spending time with your families and we will see you in the new year!

Best Wishes,

Mr D Cook
Headteacher