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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families managed to enjoy a restful and healthy break and that your children are looking forward to coming back to school tomorrow.

Unfortunately, I am writing this from home on the 9th day of my self-isolation, having tested positive (along with the rest of my family!) just after Christmas. Thankfully, all of us have had only medium or minor symptoms.

Judging from the national news and the experiences of several other members of staff, this seems to be a similar experience to many. It would appear that Omicron is proving to be much more transmissible than the other variants, but potentially less likely to cause severe illness, particularly for those who are fully vaccinated.

Within this context, we will be reviewing our Risk Assessment to reflect the latest guidance and we will continue to employ a range of measures to reduce transmission, whilst doing what we can to limit staff shortage and enable as many aspects of school life to continue as before.

So, for the moment, we will continue with the same arrangements as the end of last term.

I will write again towards the end of the week with a more detailed reminder of these arrangements as well as any changes, once there is a little more clarity around the local and national guidance.

In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming your children back to school tomorrow morning at the usual time.

Very best wishes,
Mr. Edward Dove
Headteacher

P.S. If your child is showing any Covid symptoms or is ill for another reason, please keep them at home and contact the school office with the details. Many thanks. ED