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Dear Parents and Carers

As we start the half term break and may be looking forward to seeing friends and family and enjoying local activities now that some of the restrictions have lifted – It is still really important that we exert some caution given that the risk of Covid-19 remains and especially in the light of the new Indian variant, which is which being seen up and down the country and which is being classed as a variant of concern.

There are some key things you can do to reduce this risk for yourself and others around you and help reduce the spread of Covid-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth & nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- continue to practice Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air
- follow the guidance that remains in place particularly around ensuring that only six people or two households gather indoors

Whilst we are able to meet in small numbers indoors, it is always better to meet outdoors wherever possible. With better weather promised over the weekend and next week please take advantage of this and meet outdoors as much as possible.

Testing

Please continue to get tested twice a week using home test kits or our community testing sites which are available for anyone without symptoms.

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Return to School

Please could you ensure that secondary school pupils get tested the weekend before their return to school.

If you or someone in your family develop symptoms of possible Covid-19 please isolate and book a PCR test. You will also need to book a PCR test for anyone who has a positive lateral flow test.

Vaccinations

If you're aged 30 or over, or if you turn 30 before 1 July 2021, you can now book your COVID-19 vaccine. With the emergence of the Indian variant and vaccine invitations quickly moving down the younger age groups, it's vital that we keep building on this momentum, please get vaccinated if you are eligible. A recent study from Public Health England suggests having both doses of the vaccine is highly effective against the variant – underlining the importance of people having their second jab. Visit the [NHS Book a coronavirus vaccination](#) website.

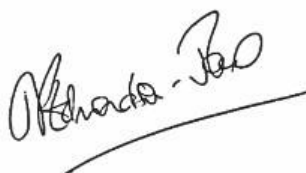
Face Coverings

Please continue to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting your child from school, especially where social distancing is more difficult.

Thank you for your continued support

Please stay safe and have an enjoyable half term break.

Yours faithfully



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