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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I know many of you will not have had the celebrations that you had planned during this difficult time, but I do hope you have all managed to enjoy a lovely Christmas with your children. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back at school, but we do appreciate that many of you will be feeling anxious.

We have reviewed our risk assessment and adapted our procedures following this week's announcements and the current guidance to ensure we do our utmost to keep everyone safe.

As a result, we will:

- Ask all adults to wear a facemask when moving around the corridors, as this is the most difficult area to keep a distance
- Increase the cleaning of shared areas during the school day
- All staff and children will be reminded of the key 'Hands, Face, Space' measures in place

In order to support us, please follow the guidance below:

Ensure children can be independent by:

- Wearing clothes and shoes they can manage independently.
- Food and drinks they can open independently in lunchboxes

To maintain the integrity of our bubbles, it is important that you stick to the appropriate arrival and departure time:

Class	Start of day	End of day	Entrance
Hedgehog	8.55	3.15	Front Gate (from 8.50)
Squirrel	8.55	3.15	Back Gate (from 8.50)
Badger	8.45	3.05	Front Gate (from 8.40)
Fox	8.45	3.05	Back Gate (from 8.40)

Many children were arriving at the wrong time last term. If they do, they must wait until an adult tells them it is safe to enter.

Please be reminded:

- Only one adult per family will be admitted to the site for drop off and collection of children.
- Please do not stop to chat with fellow parents, leave the site as quickly as possible.
- If you have children in more than one bubble and need to wait, please make sure your children stay with you and keep their distance from children from other bubbles.
- Where children leave from the front of the building parents need to wait on the playground, not the path.

Symptoms

- If children are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, parents will be contacted immediately and the child must be collected from school as soon as possible.
- If children show any symptoms such as a cough, loss of taste/sense of smell, or high temperature they must stay at home and access a test. Please always seek guidance from the NHS. School staff are not medically trained and will only refer you to the guidance.
- Do not use Calpol/Paracetamol to mask symptoms. If anyone displays these symptoms they will need to go home immediately and will need to be tested.
- Should any member of a bubble test positive, the school will seek advice for the local outbreak team at Public Health England, parents will then be informed if their child needs to self-isolate. This advice does vary depending on each case, so our response may have to be different to other schools you have heard about. We cannot tell you what will happen until such a situation occurs.
- If children do have to self-isolate, staff will ensure that you can access learning from home. Please do get in touch if you need support with this.

Whilst we do appreciate concerns, current guidance is that all children are expected in school unless they are self-isolating, are otherwise unwell or have been directed to shield. If you do have concerns and further questions, please do get in touch.

As a school, we will continue to monitor all updates and follow government and local guidance, we ask you to remain understanding and support us in this. I will of course keep you updated if there are any changes moving forward.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support and understanding.
With best wishes to you all.

Mrs Jennie Müller

Headteacher