



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you to welcome you back to school and to say how much I hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. It was fantastic seeing all of the children back at school yesterday and to hear of the presents that many of them had received.

### **COVID-19**

Despite lots of headlines, there have been very few changes to how primary schools operate from the Government. In school we have the following measures in place to protect everyone, as much as possible:

- staff continue to wear masks in corridors and shared spaces
- staff continue to take Lateral Flow Tests twice a week
- we continue to promote good hygiene
- we continue to clean areas daily and have covered areas that are touched frequently with 90-day anti-bacterial spray
- we have suspended assemblies so that children from different year groups do not mix in school

Even with all these measures in place, it is inevitable that people within our school community will become infected. This week two members of staff are self-isolating after testing positive and we have several children who have not returned after the Christmas break as they self-isolate.

With only two staff members absent we have been able to cover those classes with other members of our team and we will do all we can to make sure that the children are in school wherever possible.

If we do reach a situation where we do not have enough staff to teach every class safely, we will let you know as soon as possible about children staying at home, so that you can put things in place to look after them. We will also do all we can to get them back into school as soon as possible.

### **After School Incident**

I wanted to make you aware that around 4 pm on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January a man pulled up in a car alongside one of our Year 6 children and tried to pull her into his car. The incident happened at the crossing near the New Bay Horse pub and Hunslet Carr Fish n Chip Shop. The girl screamed to draw attention to the incident and then ran to a house nearby. The police have interviewed the girl and are now investigating.

Please speak to your child about what to do in the circumstances and consider where you allow them to play out on their own.

Kind Regards  
Mr Martin Lumb  
Headteacher