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Dear Parents/Carers.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and welcome your children back to school.

Just to reassure you, we are continuing with our covid safety measures in school for the foreseeable future, particularly as the number of cases remains high and we want to ensure the safety of our children and staff. We are grateful for the support, positive attitudes and feedback from children and families and would urge you to keep in touch with school if your child(ren) needs to isolate for any reason.

In the Autumn Term the school was hit hard from the impact of coronavirus, both among children and staff and we would like to ensure that we all keep each other safe so that we can have a much improved Spring Term.

Here are a few dates for your diary for this academic year:

- **INSET (Training) Days** – School closed on Thursday 5th May 2022
- **February Half Term** – School closed from Monday 21st to Friday 25th February 2022
- **Easter Holidays** – School closed from Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022
- **May Bank Holiday** – School closed on Monday 2nd May 2022
- **May Half Term** – School closed from Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
- **Summer Holidays** – School closed from Monday 25th July.

A few reminders:

- School opening and closing times - I would just like to remind parents/carers that the school gates open in the morning at 8:35am and close at 9:05am. Please ensure that you bring your child(ren) to school before the gates close at 9:05am to ensure that they do not miss any valuable learning. It is particularly important when children have had their education interrupted due to the pandemic that they arrive at school on time so that they can have access to a full day's learning. We will be monitoring children who arrive late to try and improve this situation.

Please note that any children arriving after 10:00am, unless it is for a medical appointment that you have previously notified school of, will not have access to a school dinner, as the kitchen needs to know before then how many school dinners they need to provide on a particular day.

At the end of the day, the gates are open from 2:50pm until 3:05pm. Again, please ensure that your child(ren) are collected from school on time.

- Please ensure that your child does not wear jewellery to school.
- Please ensure that your child(ren) has(have) a P.E. kit in school. If you need any replacement items, these can be ordered from the school office. Also, as you are aware, reading is one of our key priorities this year and we need your support in listening to your children read to their book bags every day they are at school.

- If your child is in Year Three, please ensure that they bring a swimming costume and a towel in a bag to school every Wednesday starting from Wednesday 12th January 2022.

We have had concerns raised both by parents and the community police regarding parking and driving near to our school. As you know, the safety of your children is of huge importance to us so please ensure that you do not pick up or drop off children on the yellow markings outside the school gate or in the car park and that you drive and park in a safe manner in the school vicinity. We have been informed that, if necessary, we can use the school's CCTV footage where any safety issues arise.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher