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Principal: Mrs Anne McGroarty

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Dear Parents,

We are very glad to be returning to school and welcoming our pupils back tomorrow, Tuesday 15th December. I wanted to write to you to reassure you that your children's welfare continues to be foremost in all we do. I know it is understandable that parents may feel worried about their children returning to school. We know that we had been so fortunate for so long this term and all our class bubbles stayed intact, even though there were no guarantees that we would remain Covid free. That said however we have re-visited out procedures to ensure that going forward we do not allow any complacency whatsoever to creep in. I hope that with a concerted effort from all of us, we will keep our school and community as safe as possible from this point on.

EA and PHA have assured me that we should continue to keep in place, all the effective and robust protocols and procedures as set out since we returned to school on August. We will not be complacent about how we continue to keep our school community safe. Our school was deep cleaned last week by the Education Authority and is now well out of quarantine.

As a staff we will continue to wear face masks around our pupils and each other both inside and outside the school. All classes will remain within their bubbles both in the classroom and when outside playing at all times during the school day. We will continue to ensure that children and adults alike wash their hands frequently.

We will continue to operate staggered drop off and pick-ups and we ask that you observe these times strictly for everyone's sake. See times below. We also ask that parents do not gather around the school gates or stop to talk to one another in or around the school. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please telephone the office to make an appointment.

If anyone in your family has gone for a Covid test we ask that you keep your children off school and the family unit isolates until the result have been issued. Thereafter, in the case of testing positive all the household should self-isolate for 10 days as per new guidelines today. It is important that you notify the school if your children are off for any reason, precautionary or otherwise.

I sincerely hope that you are all well at home. My staff and I look forward to enjoying the last week of term with your children during this season of Christmas.

Kind regards,

Anne L McGroarty

Drop off times: 9am for P1, P2, P5 & P6 9.15am for P3, P4, P7A & P7B

Pick-up times: 2pm for P1 & P2;

2.45pm for P5 & P6

3pm for P3, P4, P7A & P7B