

Dear Parent and Carers,

We have finally reached the end of a long and difficult term. Thank you for all your support and good wishes.

Whilst we had planned for some relaxation of Coronavirus measures for this academic year, we have remained cautious and followed the updated guidance as it is released; for example, the reintroduction of masks for pupils, staff and visitors to school earlier this term. The new Omicron strain of the Covid 19 virus is a worrying development and we will continue to follow all local and government guidance to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible in school.

The government has announced that we are required to test students again, upon our return in January. Therefore, testing will take place on Wednesday, 5th January, with a second test taking place on Monday 10th January.

All students should return to school at normal time on 5th January 2022 at 8.25am and will be brought out of class to be tested. We will only contact with a result if a child's test is positive.

We need to collect consent for testing again for all students. Please <u>click here</u> to complete the form and give your consent.

End of term arrangements:

Thursday 16th December - Fairtrade Christmas market Wednesday 15th December - Christmas dinner for pupils Friday 17th December - Christmas jumper day Wednesday 22nd December - end of term, school finishes for pupils at 12pm Wednesday 5th January 2022 - new term begins, all pupils return at 8.25am.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards of behaviour and uniform. A reminder that our policy states that pupils should not wear make-up, false nails, false eyelashes, adornments in their hair or jewellery (other than a watch and single pair of silver or gold stud earrings in the lobe of the ear). Hair should not be dyed and nails should not be painted. Please do not make appointments for any of the above in term time and ensure that any adornments are removed before the start of the new term.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

May you and your families have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of Christ's love at Christmas and always.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Gidman Headteacher