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Welcome back!

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I hope you have all enjoyed a good Christmas break and we would like to all wish you a Happy New Year! We look forward to 2022 being a positive and successful one here at Milford. The children have returned to school today with fantastic smiles and attitudes to learning – it was a pleasure to go around school this morning and see them all happy and enjoying their learning! Personally, it has now been a year since I joined Milford and I can genuinely say it has been a privilege to be part of the wonderful Milford community, we have faced challenges, enjoyed successes and I am very excited to continue to work with you all to help move the school forwards in 2022!

You will all be aware that nationally the rates of COVID-19 continue to be very high and we therefore have to continue to be very careful in school to ensure that we keep school operating as we want it to. We have not currently had to introduce any further measures or restrictions but we continue to monitor cases in school and follow guidance from the government.

We therefore ask that you please continue to make us aware of any positive cases within your households and please do not bring any children into school who have COVID-19 symptoms unless you have had them tested – this is to ensure we keep everyone as safe as we can.

If someone within your household does test positive then the recommendation is that your child does Lateral-flow tests (LFT) to ensure they are also not positive each day – you may also look to book them in for a PCR test although I know this has been trickier due to the volume of people looking to book one recently. If your child does test positive, they can stop their isolation after 7 days so long as they test negative on a LFT on the 6th and 7th day of isolation.

For children who are not able to attend school due to isolation purposes we will be setting work on **Seesaw** for them to do at home. This week staff will be getting some work online as soon as they can and then going forwards we will have an '**isolation work pack**' for each year group available on Seesaw. Due to staff being required to teach other pupils in school, we will not have staff available to be on Seesaw during the day but we will try and ensure any questions are answered on a daily basis for you. If you have any questions about Seesaw or if you need support with a device when your child is isolating please get in touch with us.

We hope that over the coming weeks things will improve and we can begin to look forward to 2022 being a year with less focus on the COVID-19 pandemic. We have lots of exciting plans for the children across the school and will share information about these as they approach.

Best wishes,

Mr Rob Perkins
Head Teacher



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