

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back !

I hope you have all had a restful and peaceful Christmas and are ready for the beginning of a new and exciting term.

As I am sure you are aware before Christmas COVID was becoming more challenging yet again with the emergence of the omicron variant and covid cases on the rise in our community.

With this in mind we have had a governors meeting tonight and have updated our school risk assessment to reflect the new government guidance and safety measures in place in school.

Please note the following changes from Wednesday 5th January 2022.

- Masks are to be worn on the school yard and social distancing maintained
- If your child is under the weather or feeling ill, please keep them at home and do a lateral flow test. If they have any covid symptoms they must isolate and book a PCR.
- If a member of the household tests positive (lateral flow or PCR) your child must isolate and get a PCR test on day 5. If that is negative they can return to school.
- If your child is a close contact (outside the home) they must lateral flow for 7 days. If negative they can continue to come to school. (Children aged 5 years and above) If positive they must isolate and get a PCR.

It is essential that you inform school immediately if your child has symptoms, a household member has tested positive lateral flow or PCR or they have been identified as a close contact.

We must remain vigilant and take care of each other.

If your child is isolating home learning will be available on the school website:

- www.beckermetsch.uk
- Go to children's page
- Class Page
- Your child's home learning page

School start and end times will remain the same as before Christmas.

Lunches

Could I please ask that you order your child's meals in advance of the school day please?

Also just a reminder that we aim to be a nut free school so children on packed lunches should not have any items in their lunches which contain nuts.

Snacks can be brought in for break time but we ask that it is a piece of fruit or vegetable - a healthy option.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to drop me a dojo message.

On behalf of the staff and governors

Many Thanks

Claire Birkett