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Dear Families,

Instead of a message on the email, I thought I would write to you.

Please see the attached Operations Booklet for this next period in school. I have left it to the last possible minute as experience suggests that changes can occur up to this point!

I have highlighted all key points and reminders in yellow. At the back of the document are the latest key changes. These are mainly around testing our secondary aged pupils and their home testing kits.

I haven't included the wearing of face masks within school and have always maintained that if pupils and staff want to wear them they can. Due to the needs of our pupils around their communication difficulties, I do prefer the wearing of visors so this is as clear as possible, but if your child wants to wear a mask in school, they can.

We ask all parent carers who collect to wear their masks and we thank you advance for continuing to do this and for maintaining social distancing too.

I am grateful that within the past 12 months we have only had three cases that have impacted the school in terms of closures. 2 pupils and 1 adult. We feel very fortunate that again, these cases were isolated. We are also fully aware that things may change in the next few weeks as numbers in school increase. We are all still closely adhering to all our procedures, policies and risk assessments in school that have enabled us to keep as safe as is possible for as long as we have.

Please be aware that I implement the closures and information sharing with yourselves as soon as I know myself. When our children were found to be positive, this was over the weekend for both so everyone was where I needed them to be! In the case of the adult informing us, this was as I was leaving the building to do the transport at the end of the day and I needed to co-ordinate moving the close contact children away from others, stopping them getting on transport with others, moving other staff and pupils into isolation whilst also contacting parents and letting the Local Outreach Response Team know. If this timing of



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notification happens at such a critical point of further cross contamination, I can only apologise in advance of this not being particularly 'neat' but please bear with me and know that once we are notified I have a strict list to follow in order to prevent further potential spread amongst staff and pupils.

I hope all your children are looking forward to returning to school tomorrow if they aren't already with us. We are excited to have them all back again.

I hope you all sleep well tonight; the children ahead of their return, and yourselves, as the night before the first day without home-schooling!

Keep safe and keep well

Tracey



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