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Dear Horsley families,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. For those whose Christmas plans may have been disrupted by a positive COVID test or illness, I hope you still managed to enjoy the time with those around you. We are all excited about seeing our school family again on Monday 10th January and hearing the children's stories about their holidays. You will also be aware that COVID cases continue to rise and you may know a number of people who have become infected in recent weeks. As a school, we continue to follow guidance and advice, and always make decisions based on what we feel is best for our school communities.

Within our schools, education and the wellbeing of all our children is our utmost priority. We know that children attending school, receiving quality teaching and mixing with their peers is a pivotal part of a child's early years. We will always strive to achieve this. Due to the high number of cases at the end of last term, initially we will minimise mixing between classes in school indoors, but this will be monitored closely and adjusted when appropriate. Should there be any extreme shifts in case numbers, we may need to make changes to the daily norm. If this is required we will endeavour to inform you as soon as possible.

We will continue to limit the number of adults on site and remain with the current set up of adults dropping off at the gate and children independently coming into school. If you need to speak to a staff member, please email the school office and staff will reply via email, phone call or speak to you at the gate after school.

Children are asked to continue to come into school in their PE kits on the day their class has PE or if they are taking part in a Sports Club. School uniform should be worn on other days.

We ask all families to continue to be mindful of the wide and varied symptoms of COVID and if your child is unwell, we ask that you keep them home until they have recovered. If children are sent to school when they are unwell, this poses a risk to their classmates, staff and our extended families.

If your child is sent home because they are complaining of feeling unwell, we ask that you keep them at home until they are feeling better. If your child is sent home because they are showing symptoms of COVID, we ask that you keep them at home until their symptoms have resolved. We are hoping that if everyone adheres to this, then we can limit the spread of any illness in school and not just COVID.

If your child is unwell, please consider carrying out a lateral flow test on your child, and if they are showing any of the main symptoms of COVID, take them for a PCR test. If your child has had a positive LFT or PCR test, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Please also remember to email or call the school office by 9.30am on the first day that your child is unwell.

There are currently concerns nationally about staffing and the impact of COVID and self-isolation on this. We will continue to do everything that we can to ensure that school remains open. The latest government advice for parents and carers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?priority-taxo=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>



If you have travelled out of the country over the Christmas break, please follow the government guidance regarding quarantine: www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england

If you have any questions, or concerns ahead of our return next week, please contact school by emailing info@horsleycofeprimary.school

Yours sincerely,

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