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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school, I hope that 2022 will bring many blessings for you and your families.

I am delighted to introduce our new Assistant Head teacher, Miss Green, who started with us yesterday. She will be spending a lot of time getting to know the children and the school. Some of you may remember her as she worked here as a teacher, left 4 years ago to work in another school but has now returned to us.

I also need to tell you of other staffing changes that we have had to make due to two of our teachers having long term conditions that they are currently receiving treatment for, both in our Early Years department. We wish Mrs Lyon and Mrs Hart both a speedy recovery and welcome Mrs Warnes, already a permanent member of staff in Reception and Ms Salihu in Nursery.

Our building work in Early Years has just about finished, there is just a tiny bit more to do, mostly external, and the clearance of the compound and scaffolding. We cannot wait to get this all out of the way and I will be encouraging our builders to “get on with it”!

Our covid restrictions in school remain the same with adults wearing masks in communal areas but not in the classrooms. Our children are sanitising and washing their hands often and we would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.

The government guidance about how and when to isolate has changed over the holidays so I will attempt to make the expectations clear on the attached document. Please remember that this guidance is in place to keep everyone as safe as we can during this pandemic.

As with every other workplace, we are experiencing higher than average staff absences due to covid. We will try our very best to enable everyone to be in school, we do not want to go back to how it was last year and the year before. This may, however mean that we will have to change what we can do in school, for example we have 50% of our kitchen staff off across both buildings this week and into next, so the children will still be getting a dinner but it may not be what was on the menu.

Thank you for your support through this all, it will be over one day!

Best wishes,

Jacqui Potts