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Happy New Year!

Dear all, welcome back to Stradbroke and a Happy New Year to everybody for 2022! I hope you all managed to have a great Christmas break and that you all remained healthy throughout. This year already looks like it's off to an interesting start, so let's hope it settles down as soon as possible.

There may continue to be further developments regarding risk management of the virus as we go through the next few weeks, however, at present not much has changed noticeably for primary schools. We will try our best to inform you as quickly as possible should anything significantly change from our current position.

For your own piece of mind, here at Stradbroke all this academic year, we have been committed to keeping school open as near to normal as possible and therefore continued to keep lots of areas of mitigation in place, including a staggered drop-off and pickup time outdoors; staggered year group bubbles at break time and lunch times; regular hand sanitization; limited large gatherings and adults being required to wear face coverings indoors in communal areas and staff LFD testing at home twice a week. The government similarly are committed to face-to-face teaching, however, we will be resending home-learning login information home this week, just in case it becomes necessary at any point over the next few weeks. Please do not panic about this, we are simply trying to be prudent in the event of anything changing that is beyond our control or should people find themselves having to isolate. The last thing we want is for children to miss out on any education unnecessarily.

Coronavirus Reminders

How can you help prevent COVID-19 from spreading?

- It is particularly important that you remember that you should not send your children to school if they have symptoms, no matter how mild. Please book them a PCR test and isolate them at home whilst you wait for the results.
- Symptoms include: a high temperature or fever, a new continuous cough, a loss or change of taste and smell.
- Guidance states that all household members do not need to isolate, however, they are now advised to take a lateral flow test (home tests) each day for 7 days if a member of the family does test positive. When taking lateral flow tests, if individuals do test positive or develop symptoms, you must then book a PCR and isolate until you get the confirmatory result from that.
- Isolation periods can now be cut for individuals if they test negative on a lateral flow on day 6 and again on day 7 of their isolation (24 hours apart). You can stop isolating after the second test **if negative**. If you continue to test positive, you must continue to isolate, but can stop after the usual 10 day isolation period.

If you're ever unsure of the latest guidance, as it does change a lot, don't hesitate to call school to check and we'll do our best to advise you accordingly.

Best Wishes,

Mr John Sitch
Headteacher