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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year from everyone here at King Ina! We hope that you had a great Christmas and that you and your families have managed to stay well.

You will have seen the news today confirming that all schools will open tomorrow for the start of the Spring Term. The government is clear that schools should provide face-to-face teaching for all pupils and it is our intention to do so, all the while that we have sufficient numbers of staff in school to operate fully.

I wrote to you before the holiday to confirm that we have been advised to continue with Amber Level measures to try to minimise the spread of Covid-19 in school. Therefore, we will continue to operate exactly as we were before Christmas, with bubbles and staggered starts and finishes to the days, until we are advised to do otherwise.

In addition to the above measures, we will of course continue with our other safety measures in school including all staff wearing face coverings and undertaking twice weekly lateral flow testing, ventilating classrooms and the enhanced cleaning of classrooms and shared resources.

You will also know that there has been a change to the government's self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for Covid-19:

- Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.
- Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Please also see below for information regarding daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19:

- People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

It is important that children do not attend school if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms and parents must book a PCR test as soon possible. Lateral flow tests can continue to be used to identify asymptomatic cases but a PCR test should be booked if children develop symptoms.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school tomorrow and to getting started with our Spring Term learning. I will write again later in the week with dates for the term and you will soon receive topic leaflets providing detail about the learning within the topics.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher