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Dear Parent/Carer,

First things first – happy new year to you all. I hope that you have had a lovely break.

I am sure that you will all have seen the news over the past few days and no doubt you may have some questions which is why I thought I would intrude on your weekend.

As things stand at the moment, we will be open and ready to welcome you all back to school on Tuesday as planned. We will continue to follow our rigorous cleaning and personal hygiene procedures in school and to keep the rooms well ventilated – this means that the classrooms will be colder so please send your child with lots of layers. As the new variant of the virus spreads more easily, the adults in school will need to be as vigilant as ever and we will be asking our older children to maintain the 2 metre social distancing wherever possible.

This bit is so important that I am giving it its own paragraph! Our most vulnerable time is when children are dropped off and collected and we need to tighten this up further. From Tuesday 5th December I would like all grown-ups who have children in Year 1 – Year 6 to leave the playground as soon as your child is in their line or has been collected (unless you are waiting for a sibling). Please do not stand and wait until their line is going in – even our youngest children should be able to manage this; especially if you warn them first. I know that there are a handful of children in Year 1 who need slightly more support. If you feel that your child falls into this category then please send an email to the school admin address and I will give you a call tomorrow to see if an exception needs to be made.

Things will improve but this term might be a tricky one – we just need to hold on tight and keep finding the positives! If any of you have any concerns, however small you feel they are, then please send an email to the school admin address and I will give you a call tomorrow.

Take care,

Marke