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Dear Parent/Carer,

In light of the latest government announcements I thought I should let you know that we are planning to keep things exactly as they are for the last week of term. At the moment we have six members of staff who are not in due to Covid – two of them have Covid despite being double vaccinated and two are self-isolating due to a family member having the illness. I want to do everything that I can to limit the spread caused by school – we have already spoilt so many of your plans when we have had to send bubbles home and it seems to me that a ‘free for all’ for five days, lovely though it would be, is not worth even one member of our school community being poorly or having to spend precious time self-isolating. In better news we are planning to have things back to pre-Covid times in September – more details to follow closer to the time.

Continuing on the same theme Fishergate is being used as a vaccine pop-up centre this Saturday (10th July) from 9am -5pm. Anyone, aged eighteen and over, can come along without an appointment and they don't need an NHS number or to be registered with a GP. They will be giving first and second doses of Pfizer and Astra Zeneca – second doses need to be given eight weeks after the first and it doesn't matter if you have lost the details of your first vaccine as they can access all of the information that they need. The reason that they have chosen Fishergate is that the take up of the vaccine has been relatively low in this area so please tell everyone that you know. It is also worth knowing that the session runs until 5pm unless they run out so it is probably best to come earlier if possible.

We will have a few new faces in school from next September. Two new teaching assistants will be joining out Early Years team – Laura Smith and Callen McNeill. Matthew Crisp will be in Year 2 covering Victoria Stone's maternity leave and Abbey Murray will be working with Lauren Moss in Year 1/2. We will also be welcoming Emma Colquitt who will be working alongside a child in Key Stage 2 and Helen Craggs who will be the other half of Erika Deverall's job share in Year 3/4. Helen is a hugely experienced teacher who joins us from Westfield Primary School. The interview team were as enraptured by her lesson, featuring hungry spider plants, as the children were.

While I have you, please could I give you a gentle reminder about parking considerately on Escrick Street. Thank you.





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Take care and have a great second half of the week.

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