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Acting Headteacher:
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Dear Parent/Carer

The staff team and I are looking forward to welcoming students back on Monday and a return to a pre covid timetable. We're really excited to see all the students altogether.

Having spoken with some students they have also said how much they are looking forward to being back in class with their friends and peers.

I just wished to clarify that although we are going to be in one bubble that we will still have our covid risk assessment measures in place and you can find our full updated risk assessment on the school website.

Please note that despite us becoming one bubble to facilitate a full timetable to students it does not and will not increase pupils contact with other students from previously different bubbles, merely enable us to allow flexible staff mobility to maximise the offer to pupils.

I am now able to confirm that 88% of our staff team have received the covid vaccination round one and will be in receipt of the second part of the vaccine by mid-April. This will undoubtedly also support us in reducing the possible risk of infection.

We have also now received some of the home testing kits. If you are wishing your child to have the lateral flow test and would prefer the home testing kit rather than doing it in school, please can you contact admin on admin@highfield.wakefield.sch.uk.

For those students wishing to have a test in school we will be spending some time next week going through how to do it and what to expect and support this with social stories.

Please note that if your child had a positive covid test then the advice from public health England is not to have any further lateral flow tests for 90 days, as even after the isolation period the LTF can still show are positive.

Should your child or member of your household present with symptoms of covid then the self-isolation rules will continue to apply. This is also on the school risk assessment and the national guidance can also be found via the link provided:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do



Tel: 01924 264240 Email: admin@highfield.wakefield.sch.uk Web: www.highfield-school.co.uk

In summary, if you or a household member presents with symptoms, high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell then please ensure that you inform school by calling in and reporting it. This is so we can ensure we minimise the possible risk of infection and protect students and staff.

If you or a household member have symptoms you must self-isolate and get a covid test. If you remain symptomatic and your test is negative, you still need to complete your self-isolation period of 10 days from when your symptoms first started. If you or a household member tests positive then you must self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test.

If a pupil is symptomatic in school, they will be isolated in the medical room until a parent or carer can come and collect them to take them home with a member of staff in full PPE.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child on Monday.

Kind Regards



Rebecca Thompson
Acting Head Teacher

