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Dear Parents and Carers,

New Measures to Help Keep Us Safe

Firstly, let me wish you all the warmest wishes for this year and I truly hope that you were able to enjoy Christmas. Yet again we find ourselves in a deeply worrying situation not knowing what tomorrow will bring for us all or what the best course of action to take is. You will all be thinking about the return to school and whether or not sending your children in is the right thing to do or not.

We will be opening, staff are extremely worried, myself included as are the governors, but we feel that face to face teaching is the best option for our pupils. We will keep this under regular review.

You will need to decide what is best for you and your family, **I cannot state categorically that it is safe in school** because I don't believe that anyone in any school in the country can possibly make that statement given this dreadful new variant. If you decide to send your child in we will do our very best to look after them, if you decide to keep them at home we will completely understand and I would take the **exceptional decision to authorise that absence**, certainly for the next few weeks at least, and we would try to provide remote learning opportunities for them.

If you do come to school can I ask that **from tomorrow** you all **wear a face covering**, I shall be wearing a face mask on the front gate for the foreseeable future as well. I must ask that you all do this and that you continue to **keep your distance from other family groups and members of staff**, please also comply with our request that **only one adult comes onto the school site**. The timings won't change – early years, year 1 and year 2 arriving at 8.45am via the front entrance, year 3 and 4 arriving at 8.55am with Miss Cone's class using the rear entrance, year 5 and 6 arriving at 9.05am using the rear entrance. **All pupils from all year groups need to be supervised.**

The finishing times are 3pm, 3.10pm and 3.20pm in the order set out above and with collections on the rear playground, again **face coverings must be worn** by the person collecting. We want to stay open and desperately need you to help us to achieve this.

I wish I could write to you in more positive times and like you I hope and pray that those positive times are coming, but for now there is great concern amongst us all and we must do whatever we can to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Best wishes and take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr R Goffee'.

Mr R Goffe
Headteacher