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30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I think the best word to describe this term is ...." interesting." From the low of having to close school for most children on January 5<sup>th</sup>, to the high of the successful re-opening to all pupils on March 8<sup>th</sup>, all staff have worked tirelessly to ensure school is a safe learning environment – including self-testing twice a week and wearing face coverings when in close contact with children. With the changes to the Coronavirus rules yesterday, it certainly feels like we are heading in the right direction.

The new rules state that we can meet outdoors either in a group of six from any number of households, or in a group of any size from up to two households. **Please note that indoor mixing of households is still not allowed.** In order to keep the risk of transmission low, school has taken the decision that we will not be offering breakfast club when we return after the holidays so that we can keep our bubbles – and the adults in them as separate as possible. We will review the situation again at the end of next half term.

**Please note the following important information from Lincolnshire Education Team about lateral flow (LFD) home testing kits:**

Anyone who has any of the COVID-19 symptoms (fever, persistent cough, change in the sense of taste or smell) should immediately self-isolate, along with their household, and arrange a Polymerase Chain Reaction test (PCR) at a testing site. This is a legal requirement; in no circumstances should an LFD test be used instead of booking a PCR test; as these tests do not have the required sensitivity for symptomatic testing and are likely to produce false-negative results. This could result in children & staff members attending school when they are infectious.

**It should also be noted that LFD tests are not approved for use for primary-age children, and parents of primary school children should not administer LFD tests to these children in any circumstances**

Finally, just a reminder that we break up on WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March and staff will not be contactable during the school holidays. We will continue to monitor our enquiries e-mail address for reports of any positive tests for the first 48 hours of the Easter holidays only.

Have a good Easter holiday – stay safe and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Waplinton.

