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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well at this time.

I wanted to drop you a quick update relating to how the first part of the new year has started before our end of half term newsletter which will be issued towards the end of October.

The vast majority of our students have returned to school this year with a renewed determination to come to school, on time and prepared for a full day of learning. Thank you to so many of you who have taken my 'back to basics' message to heart. We have been pushing our core Range Ready ethos with all year groups: Ready- fully equipped, smart uniform and attentive in all lessons; Respectful- treating everyone with dignity and kindness at all times and Safe- always being aware of staying safe, in school, at home, when out and about and when online. If everyone really tries to adhere to this simple but effective ethos, our school will continue to be a better place for everyone to get the education they deserve and allow them to go on to fulfil their full potential. Again, I am grateful to the great majority of our students who strive to do their best on a daily basis.

With regards to Covid, we continue to monitor the situation very closely here in school. The number of positive identified cases has remained fairly steady from the start of the new term. We report our figures daily to the Department for Education and we are in contact with local health authorities. Thankfully, we have not got to the point where we have to return to stricter guidelines and I would of course contact you if that was going to change. We do however still ask that everyone remains vigilant and does everything they can to mitigate against the spread of the virus. We continue to promote good hand sanitising, good ventilation and encourage the students to be outside as much as possible at recreation times. Everyone can still wear a mask if they prefer to and I would ask that you continue to ensure that your child does a lateral flow test twice per week, preferably on a Wednesday and Sunday. Could I also ask that if another member of your household tests positive, please test your child on a daily basis before sending them to school? We are awaiting an order of LFD home testing kits from the Department of Health and we will issue them when they arrive in school.

It is great to see our extra-curricular activities starting to ramp up again. Last week our football and netball teams have once again started practice and fixtures with some great results already! Next week we have our Arts Star competition taking place with the final on Thursday evening. I look forward to seeing the great musical and performing talent on display - we have only been able to watch online this last eighteen months. So 'break a leg' to all our performers and to some visiting stars from some of our local primary schools. If sport or the Arts are not your child's thing, there are plenty of other opportunities to get involved in clubs and societies- a great way to relax and make some new friends.

Finally a word of thanks to parents who came forward for our recent parent-trustee election and to those of you who took the time to vote. Dr Richard Snowdon was re-elected for a second term. I look forward to his continued, important contribution to our school as we continue with our improvement agenda.

There will be more detail on all of this in our newsletter as mentioned earlier. In the meantime, do get in touch with any questions or queries you may have in relation to anything discussed here in my letter. Your child's Head of Year is always a good contact for any general queries.

With very best wishes,

Mr McGarry
Headteacher