



Galliard Primary School

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Dear parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have been able to enjoy some quality family time during the Christmas break.

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Wednesday 5th January**. With cases of Omicron still high in London we are expecting this to impact on our school community. We are committed to keeping the school open and running as normally as possible for the children.

I must ask you to support us with all our measures to ensure that we look after the children and staff at Galliard. **Please wear a mask if you are entering our site**, even though you will be outside this does offer the community a little more protection. I would also like to **encourage you do regular Lateral flow tests with your family**. All staff are expected to do this twice a week and if you do this with your family at home we will working together to keep the cases of Covid in Galliard at a minimum.

Changes to the self-isolation period

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under five, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and the person does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

Please make sure that you do not send your child to school with a temperature or if they have a new or continuous cough. Book a PCR test immediately. Results are coming through quickly and if they are negative and feeling better they will be able to return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Clifford

