



Dear all

It seems that the holidays are nearly over... where did they go? I hope you have all had chance to have a lovely break and feel rested and refreshed!

While I'm not ready to give up my new found 'Homes Under the Hammer' addiction quite yet – I am looking forward to catching up with each and every one of you next Wednesday at our first day back.

I'll outline in this a few bits prior to the day.

COVID:

I hope you have all had the opportunity to take advantage safely of the relaxation of restrictions.

Within school, we will also relax some of our restrictions to acknowledge these changes – but we are not yet at 'normal'. I know not everyone will agree with any changes made – but this is a really difficult balancing act. If things do change for the worse – we may need to add in some restrictions but lets hope we don't have to.

The key changes people need to know before Wednesday.

Masks:

These will become optional in communal areas and within classrooms. I am very aware some people will want to continue to wear them (I know I still am when shopping etc) – and others will be glad to not have to anymore. In classrooms, please respect the view of the staff within them (eg if a class decide they wish to continue wearing them in their class – please respect that when going in and 'mask up' unless exempt)

Social Distancing;

Is no longer required. The staff room is now set up close to normal – but there are some smaller 'zones'

Testing;

Please continue to test twice weekly (the government are reviewing this at the end of September) including a test on Tuesday please. No need to do the MS form – but do still record with [Test and Trace](#).



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INSET:

To begin at 9:15 (prompt) in the hall. There will be some snacks available in the staffroom prior.

Agenda:

Reflection

Updates

COVID

Safeguarding

I aim to be finished by 11:30 at the latest.... I would also like all staff to watch [this video](#) on Cyber Security by the end of the first week to discuss.....

Staff meetings:

I propose these move to a Wednesday for the new school year as all teaching staff are working Wednesdays – let me know if this is an issue (via private text/ WhatsApp or face to face).

I feel this will help communication.

Other News:

Congratulations again to Laura and Jack on their wedding – remember Mrs Rock not Miss Woodings!!

Please keep Sharon and her family in your prayers as her father has very recently passed away. May he Rest in Peace.

Please also keep all members of the school staff and community in your prayers – for reasons you may know or not – to keep us safe, well and happy in these still difficult times.

See you all on Wednesday. Enjoy the last few days of the holidays.

God bless

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