

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy new year and I hope you enjoyed a good Christmas. I wanted to write to you all to update you on how schools across the Flying High Partnership will be responding to the challenges of Covid19.

All schools will be continuing to follow government guidance carefully. Each school has a robust risk assessment in place and staff continue to complete lateral flow tests twice weekly. I want to reassure you all that we are absolutely committed to keeping your child and your family safe, whilst ensuring that we continue to focus on your child's learning and well-being.

Where there are any positive Covid cases in school, we are required to report these to the Local Authority and to Public Health. Where there are a large number of cases, we may be instructed to increase Covid measures in schools. This could include increased cleaning, ventilation and could involve a temporary reintroduction of class bubbles. Increased measures will be put in place in consultation with Public Health.

Where children are required to stay away from school due to isolation or closure, the school will work with you to deliver learning remotely. We absolutely hope that this will not be required but our schools are well prepared to introduce these measures if needed.

I do strongly believe that wherever possible we should continue to have children in school and prioritise children's learning and well-being. We do of course understand that some families may be anxious about their children attending but ask that you take the time to discuss any concerns with your school, who I know will be ready to listen and provide reassurance.

I have no doubt that the next few weeks will be challenging for us all at times. Schools are likely to face a number of challenges, including an increase in staff absence. We therefore ask that you continue to be supportive and understanding where changes are needed, (and at times with little notice). Throughout this time, I know schools have been overwhelmed by the support they have received from you all. By working together, we will overcome these challenges, and enable your children to continue to thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Chris Wheatley, CEO, Flying High Partnership