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Dear East Hoathly Families,

Happy New Year – we hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

We are writing to inform you of arrangements in school for the children’s return on Wednesday 5th January.

Due to the continued rise in Covid19 cases locally, we are going to maintain the measures that were in place prior to the Christmas break for the first week back so that we can then assess numbers and local information. We will write to you again on Friday 7th January with information on whether the measures will remain for a further fixed length of time, or if the measures can be relaxed.

As a reminder, here is the key information for you to remind your children of before coming to school on Wednesday 5th January.

The setting remains open and your child(ren) should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. These temporary adjustments are recommended to us by Public Health England.

- Staff and visitors will be required to wear masks in communal areas where social distancing is not possible.
- The school will continue to be well-ventilated.
- The school will once again operate in three bubbles – Bubble A (Hedgehogs and Owls), Bubble B (Squirrels and Foxes) and Bubble C (Nursery)
- The bubbles will have staggered lunch and break times.
- The drop off and pick up arrangements will be as follows (please note **children will need to come through the school gate with parents remaining outside of the school grounds**):

	Drop off	Pick up
Hedgehogs and Owls (Reception and Year 5/6)	Coming in via the black gate by the front entrance between 8:40 – 8:50am and going straight into classrooms.	Leaving via the black gate by the front entrance at 3:15pm. Please can parents line up on the pathway, keeping a social distance.
Squirrels and Foxes (Year ½ and Year ¾)	Coming via the church path gate between 8:40 – 8:50am and going straight into classrooms.	Leaving via the church path gate 3:15pm. Please can parents line up on the pathway, keeping a social distance.
Nursery	Coming in via the front green gate between 8.45-9am. Please can parents line up by the brick wall.	Pick up between 3.00 and 3.15pm from the nursery gate.



- A member of staff will be on the gate to greet the children and the children will use hand sanitiser on entering and before leaving school.
- We will not be having whole school assemblies and instead have these in bubbles. Friday celebration assembly will be held virtually in school.
- **All before and afterschool clubs have been cancelled.** This will be re-evaluated in time for week 2.

Below is information from Public Health England:

Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

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 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

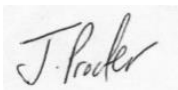
Students who are under the age of 18 years and 6 months or older students who are fully vaccinated should still attend the educational setting if identified as a close contact.

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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