



ENDSLEIGH HOLY CHILD

VC ACADEMY

Monday 3rd January

Dear Parents/Carers,

From all of us at Endsleigh, we wish you a very Happy New Year.

We hope that you are all well and have had a wonderful Christmas and we are looking forward to hearing all about it from the children tomorrow.

Due to the significant rise of Covid cases over the Christmas break, I am writing to remind you of some of the systems which we had in place and will continue to follow along with some changes.

Masks

We ask that ALL parents/carers, except those who are exempt from doing so, wear masks whilst on the playground and particularly if waiting at the gate at the beginning or end of the school day. As far as possible, we ask that you do try and maintain distancing.

Illness

As with last term, we ask that you do not send your child to school if they have any of the main Covid-19 symptoms: high temperature, persistent cough or loss/change to senses of smell or taste and that until they have received a negative PCR test, they do not return to school. However, we are also very much aware that the Omicron symptoms are very similar to a cold. If children have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, there is no requirement for them to self-isolate and they are expected to be in school as normal.

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Hygiene and ventilation

We will continue to maintain a regular system of handwashing and hand hygiene encouraging children to sanitise their hands on the way into school and at points during the day.

We will ensure good ventilation within the classrooms.

Gathering

Whilst we will not be returning to bubbles, we will not be gathering together physically for acts or worship. We will sadly not be continuing with our Stay and Pray, which were incredibly well attended but look forward to doing so in the future.

Visitors

We ask that you only come in to school if it is essential at the moment. Should you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the office in the first instance.

Should you need to speak to a member of staff concerning any safeguarding matters, please contact the office to speak to Mrs Bentley or Mr Guthrie.

As always, everything that we do is to ensure the safety of our school community and we are grateful for your support in what continues to be challenging circumstances.

God Bless and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

The Endsleigh Team