



# PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all.

Our Spring term began on Tuesday, with children coming straight into their learning. I'd like to thank our parents/carers for their ongoing support in helping keep all within our community safe, as well as for adopting the new government guidance related to Covid-19. We saw a good number of pupils return to school and staff have accounted for all children at Park Hill Junior School.

However, we are not complacent and, with the pandemic remaining at the front of all our minds, I'd like to highlight the importance of ensuring we adhere to all activities like handwashing, ventilating areas we use mostly indoors and face coverings were needed; not forgetting vaccinations where possible. Our pupils are clear about what they need to do whilst at school to keep themselves and others safe and we are proud of them.

Since government guidance around self-isolation has changed, the expectation is now that you self-isolate for seven days from the time that any symptoms start. In addition, if you are a close contact to someone with COVID-19, then you now don't need to self-isolate but should test daily for seven days. For a further explanation around self-isolation rules, please see the diagram below my message.

Our School has updated its COVID-19 risk assessment and we will continue to do everything possible to maintain face-to-face learning for all. However, in the event of staff absence being unsustainably high or if pupil case numbers are more than 30% of a given year group, then we will - in consultation with public health officials and the local authority - have to consider moving year groups to remote learning for a short period. This will help ensure the best possible education for all. Any decision to ask pupils to learn remotely will be made as a last possible resort, as we are fully committed to ensuring face-to-face learning takes place. We continue to maintain a database of pupils who may need devices or data to support remote learning and I'd like to ask parents/carers and/or students to let the office know if you require



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this additional support.

Finally, I was delighted to see the smiling faces of the children return after the holidays and how well they have settled into the school routine, even those who unfortunately have to be learning remotely at this time.

Let us all continue to be safe and look out for our next newsletter with more details at the end of January.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mrs A Pratt, Headteacher**

