

5th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year, I hope you have had a wonderful break and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back tomorrow.

We have again reviewed our COVID-19 risk assessment and, due to increased rates of infection, we are again asking you for your continued support to help reduce the rates within our school community.

When dropping or collecting your children please ensure that you maintain 2m distance from each other, wearing face masks, wherever possible.

To prevent overcrowding at the KS2 gates, with immediate effect, parents should collect KS2 children from the KS2 playground having followed the **one way system**, entering via the KS1 drive. The gate into the KS2 driveway is not, unfortunately, wide enough for two-way traffic during the pandemic.

We will no longer permit children to walk down the KS2 driveway unaccompanied for both overcrowding and safeguarding reasons. KS2 children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will only be allowed to leave school by themselves if they bring a letter with them tomorrow, dated 6th January 2022, stating that they are allowed to walk home by themselves and that, as a parent, you take responsibility for them once the child has been dismissed by the school.

Any child who is showing any COVID 19 symptoms should refrain from attending school until either a negative test result is received or until isolation guidance has been completed. Should your child display symptoms whilst in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect them and to organise testing. We ask that families do all they can to prevent the spread of the virus, by abiding by latest government guidance, getting tested if showing symptoms and self-isolating if necessary.

Any absence should be reported to the main office by either email elm@elm-academy.org.uk or by telephoning 01202 574212 and selecting Option 1.

We are looking forward to seeing all the children return to school tomorrow.

Kind regards



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