



## ST RICHARD'S VC ACADEMY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I do hope you managed to enjoy some well-deserved family time over the Christmas period and are all keeping well.

I write to politely remind you of the measures we have in place to reduce the risk of COVID19 in the school community.

School needs to be well-ventilated and for this reason we ask that the children wear several layers underneath their school jumper.

We also ask that you child brings their own water bottle every day as the sharing of cups in the classroom is not advised. Please ensure this contains water rather than juice.

The children will be reminded to wash their hands throughout the school day and there are also hand sanitising stations to use on entry to the school building. If your child does become unwell with cold or flu like symptoms we ask that they do not come to school but that they self-isolate and take a PCR test in line with government guidelines.

Unfortunately, we need once more to limit visitors onto the school site, so we ask that you ring the office on 781928 if you need to speak with us and the relevant member of staff will assist you as soon as possible. Mrs Griffin, the Designated Safeguarding Lead, and Mrs Merckel, the Deputy Safeguarding Lead, are also available on the school site before and after school if you have any worries or concerns. If you do need to speak to the office staff in the morning, please can you ensure that only one person enters the small entrance at a time as this is such a tight space with no ventilation.

Please can we ask that you continue to wear masks on the school site and maintain a safe distance from others.

Although times are still uncertain, we are delighted to be able to welcome the children back into school today where they can learn and be with their friends. With your ongoing support in the areas outlined, we hope to be able to continue this term without too much disruption.

Best wishes

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