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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you have had a restful break over the holiday and made some happy memories with the people closest to you. It has been a different Christmas for most of us.

You might have heard the Government announcement yesterday afternoon. **Most primary schools will be returning to school in full on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. This includes Mousehold.** This might cause some anxieties for staff and families but, as we do so well at Mousehold, we can get through this together.

Our daily system will continue where we will let you know of any known possible cases within our bubbles. It is becoming more and more inevitable that we will have a positive case at Mousehold and will have to close bubbles for self isolation. But we are so fortunate that we had no positive cases in the Autumn Term. If your child is told to self isolate then the class teacher will set remote learning using the VLE site. This is the site that the Christmas videos were on. If you are unable to access the internet and online learning we know this from the survey you completed in the Autumn Term, and we will sort alternative provision. Teachers won't be teaching live lessons because in some households siblings share devices as well as the timings of live lessons not always being ideal for families where parents are working at home.

Our risk assessment stays broadly the same. We have tightened up some of the procedures inside school and staff are being made aware of this. This won't affect the children.

Please can I remind parents of the following:

- Please stick to your staggered start time at the start and end of the day. **Please arrive no more than 5 minutes before the time** and do not arrive too much before this.
- Please **do not sit on the tables and benches** that we use for the children. These are cleaned before and after use during the school day.

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- Please **keep your distance** from other people on the playground.
- Please wear a **face covering** on the school grounds, if you are able to.
- Please **do not allow your child to run around the playground or grass**, mixing with children from other bubbles.
- **One family** in the entrance lobby at a time if you need to talk to a member of the office staff.
- **One parent/carer** to accompany a child into school and to collect. We know there are exceptions to this if a parent needs support.
- Please **follow Tier 4** national restrictions beyond school.

We have been extremely proud of how our school community has followed the above, on the whole, and this all helps to show the children the importance of respect and team work.

Usually the end of a year and beginning of a new year is time for fresh starts, resolutions and hope. I see no reason why we can't have hope and optimism. It is daunting, entering a year whilst still in the middle of a pandemic, but there are glimmers of hope everywhere you look. The children at Mousehold have been so amazing. They have made staff smile each day, worked hard, continued to develop lovely friendships and have an ability to take each day as it comes. That's all we can ask for.

Thank you to you all for your patience, cooperation and spark. That's what makes Mousehold so special.

Enjoy the next few days and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours faithfully  
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