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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term of 2022!

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we start this new term. It will come as no surprise to you that we are seeing a rise in positive Covid cases at Clifton for both pupils and staff, very much in line with the picture across the country. Before Christmas we had introduced some additional measures to try to reduce transmission and thereby minimise the risk to everyone on site. These are continuing until further notice.

These measures are in line with national guidelines and include wearing a face covering in shared areas, observing social distancing guidelines, ensuring good ventilation in classrooms and offices and making sure that hand hygiene is a priority. In addition to the above we have stopped putting year groups of pupils together for assemblies and we are keeping lunchtimes to one year group at a time wherever possible. As you know at the moment we are not able to invite parents and carers in for workshops and class performances.

In spite of all of this, we are trying our best to keep things as normal as possible for the children, although at times this is a challenge. All the teachers remain focussed on teaching and learning. This term we have started a big push on home reading – please make sure you or a member of your family read with your child as much as possible. In maths we are focussing on times tables and problem solving. Children's speaking and listening remains a big priority. Assessments show that pupils are beginning to catch up on lost learning.

We certainly could not keep the focus where it needs to be without the help of all parents and carers. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you all again in 2022.

Yours faithfully,

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