

4th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you have had a peaceful Christmas, enjoying time with family and friends and remaining well throughout the period.

As COVID-19 infection rates in Doncaster increase, I send my best wishes to any of our families who have been affected.

On Monday I attended a Local Authority meeting, which was held to discuss the Government Guidance on COVID-19 and the effects on educational settings.

The main headlines from the meeting have been summarised by Dr Rupert Suckling, Director of Public Health [CEO-HT-C19-Letter-January-2022-DMBC.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/CEO-HT-C19-Letter-January-2022-DMBC.pdf)

In response to the meeting, I write to inform you of a few changes to our current risk assessment. We truly believe in maintaining as much continuity as possible and therefore these additional precautions aim to ensure we can continue offering the highest level of education for our children.

- Whole school assemblies will return to Teams. This will be reviewed in 3 weeks. We hope to return to face to face assemblies by February, at the latest
- CO2 detectors have been installed in all classrooms
- School staff and visitors will aim to wear face masks in shared areas, if this is feasible.

The current risk assessment will be updated to reflect these added precautions.

Face to face, in school teaching is the best method of achieving high quality education for all. During the last 18 months, there have been many times where staffing has been reduced and subsequent additional pressures have been placed on staff. I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their flexibility, positivity and support in continuing to deliver high quality teaching and support to the children. I feel very proud of the way they have continued to work tirelessly to deliver this.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow (Wednesday) at 8.45am.

Kind Regards



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