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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year. I hope you managed to enjoy the Christmas break despite the ongoing challenges of Covid. As many international boarders remained in England, we are conscious that some families were not able to be together during this holiday season.

We look forward to welcoming boarders back tomorrow and day pupils on Thursday morning. Before they return, please ensure your children take a Lateral Flow Test and are free of any symptoms. As required by the government, we will test all pupils on arrival, both on Wednesday for boarders and the whole school on Thursday morning. This includes pupils who have recently had Covid. If your son or daughter arrives late, they should register in Reception and then go to the Medical Centre to take a Lateral Flow Test. On a practical note, the majority of pupils have games or Ely Scheme on Thursday and should wear games kit throughout the day.

There are two main changes from last term. Firstly, all children will be required to wear masks in classrooms, unless exempt. Secondly, any required isolation is now reduced to 7 days (following two negative LFTs and no symptoms). If your child does test positive, please email your child's tutor who will arrange work and copy in their HsM and the Medical Centre.

Despite these challenges, we remain excited by the term ahead, with a full fixture card of sports matches, music concerts and drama productions all continuing as planned. And finally, good luck to all Year 11 KES pupils who start their trial exams on Thursday.

With best wishes

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