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Head of Junior

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year from all of us at King's Ely. We hope your families were able to enjoy the Christmas break, albeit surrounded by some ongoing challenges due to the pandemic. We look forward to having the children back at school this week and are writing to confirm the re-joining plans. We are looking forward to welcoming boarders back on Wednesday evening and our day pupils back on Thursday morning. Please remember to ensure that your child has a negative Lateral Flow Test result before returning school and that they are free of symptoms. The school nurse, Louise King, will send out further details regarding the latest medical advice during the day tomorrow.

As required by the government, we will be LFD testing all our boarding pupils on arrival and day children in Years 7 and above when they come to school (Wednesday evening for boarders and Thursday morning during tutor time for everyone in Years 7 and 8). This will include pupils who have recently had Covid. The two main changes to the guidance from last term are that children who are over the age of 11 will be required to wear masks in class (younger children may opt to also) and any required isolation due to Covid may be limited to 7 days (following two negative LFTs and no symptoms as per most recent guidance).

In addition to those changes, as part of our review of the mitigations in place at school, we are asking that throughout January, all KEJ students attend school in their sports kit on days when they have sports lessons, fixtures or clubs. This will limit changing at school and the use of communal indoor spaces. Additionally, we recommend that all adults visiting the site at collection and drop off on footwear face coverings unless exempt.

With best wishes for the new term,

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