

7 January 2022



Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. We all look forward to a positive 2022 and this is reflected in this half terms focus on **#WeAREbackbetter**.

We are working with students on being **Aspirational** by being calm and purposeful, **Respectful** by following routines and **Engaged** by making a positive contribution in class.

With the increased COVID-19 cases across the Country over the last month, the Government guidance for education has been updated. This means that face coverings will be continued to be worn by all when on the school site, which will be in place until 26 January 2022, when this will be reviewed nationally. Students need to continue to test twice weekly in order to identify cases and reduce the spread of the virus.

Changes to the national guidance means that from 11 January 2022 if students are displaying no symptoms when they test positive on an LFD test they no longer need to take a PCR test, but still need to isolate [LINK](#). The guidance on self-isolation has also changed, meaning if students can test on day 6 and 7 of isolation and if these are negative, they can return to school on day 7. Further information is available on our Risk Assessment Summary [LINK](#) which is also available on our website.

If students test positive for COVID-19 they need to self-isolate and if well enough, complete their work, which is on the Google Classrooms so they do not fall behind on their learning.

Our Winter Readiness Risk Assessment [LINK](#) is now available on our website, if we have to close due to poor weather (snow) or other particular issues. We will immediately move to online learning if this situation arises to ensure students' learning continues. Text messages will be sent out by 7:30am if the school or particular year groups need to close. Please ensure we have your up to date mobile telephone number if you do not believe our records are not up to date or you have not been receiving texts from us. This can be emailed to [office-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk)

The last 2 years have shown that people help each other in the most selfless ways, demonstrating kindness and compassion for others and that all can show resilience. This is what we all must model to our children and students; which is reflected in our 'thought for the week' as we return – ***'You're stronger, you're better and you're ready for whatever' (Alicia Keys).***

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. Bignell'.

Mrs P Bignell  
Principal