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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are half way through January already! It has been a busy start to the term but there has been a lovely positive feeling around the school. This week, we have had to face the challenge of being affected by coronavirus in our school community. We ask that everybody remains vigilant about Covid symptoms and take a test if in doubt. Many of you will be aware that new guidance has been released, relating to isolation times. From Monday 17 January, anyone self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they receive a negative result with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day.

All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. If the result of either of the tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

We do not anticipate any further lockdowns, but would like to update our list of Key Worker children – just in case we are faced with challenging staffing situations and are unable to fully open the school. Attached to this update is a letter requesting information that will determine whether your child should be considered as part of our Key Worker / Critical Worker list. We would be grateful if you could provide this information, via email to admin@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk by the end of next week (Friday 21st January).

Lost watch

A watch was found on the school grounds last week. If you think this watch might belong to you, please contact the school office.

Icy paths

This is just a reminder that the school paths can be very slippery when the temperatures fall as much as they did last night. The caretakers always treat as many of our paths as they can manage but please take care. The lower playground can be particularly slippery which is why we always remind children to stay on the bricks when they make their way to their classrooms.

Enjoy the weekend

Stay safe
Stephanie Severn