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Good morning parents

A Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones. I'm sure you enjoyed seeing your children's Christmas class performances on Seesaw despite not being able to attend in person. The performances were excellent and highlighted how important music and performance is for our children. It has also been lovely to see all the children settling back into school, catching up with friends and sharing their news. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Covid-19

A lot of the media and political attention this week has focussed on schools and ensuring that all those within are safe. We, in St Clare's, have been able to deliver continuity of education for all our children from September without having to resort to remote learning. This would not have been possible without the assistance of you, the parents. So moving forward it is important that we continue to follow the Public Health Authority guidance. This guidance is changing regularly and at time can be confusing. This is the latest:

Lateral Flow Device Testing

Even though you have no symptoms it is important to take regular "Lateral Flow" Tests.

If the LFD test is positive, you must self-isolate for ten days after the day you took the test.

You can stop self-isolating from day 7 with 2 negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart.

The earliest date you can take the first LFD test is day 6.

You do not need to book a PCR test.

If you have not been taking regular Lateral Flow Tests and develop Covid symptoms you must book a PCR test.



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Thank you for your ongoing support

Have a good weekend everyone.

Mr Sweeney