

7th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of a new term! I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with your families. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school on Wednesday.

Since returning this week, there has been no new COVID cases recorded at the school and as far as we are aware, there are no children waiting for PCR test results, which is positive news considering the current climate. We will, of course, continue to inform you of any new cases of COVID in the school using the 'Warn and inform' letters. We will also continue to have enhanced safety measures in place on the school premises to minimise the spread of the virus and, as we did last term, we strongly advise all parents and carers to continue wearing face coverings when on site. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

### Clubs

All extra-curricular clubs will resume again next week. For more information, please contact Mrs Sinton in the office. We are also aware of an increased need for after-school care for many families and we are currently looking into ways of supporting you with this. We will keep you informed.

### Staff news

I am delighted to let you know that we have a new teacher who started with us this week. Mr Thorne is the new SENDco across the Newton & Teign hub. Some of you may have already met him on the gate at the end of the school day. This week, Mr Thorne has spent the mornings at our sister school ASM and the afternoons here at Dunsford where he has been getting to know the children and adults during lunchtimes and in classes. As from next week and until half term, Mr Thorne will be spending the first three days of the week at Dunsford and the other two days at ASM. Mr Thorne is an extremely experienced senior leader and has worked in London schools for the last few years. Mr Thorne, along with his wife and baby daughter, moved back to Devon just before Christmas to where he grew up. We are very excited to have him on board and I know that you will all join in with me in welcoming him to our wonderful school community.



I would like to thank you again for your continued support and wishing you a lovely weekend.

Your sincerely

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