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5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

### **Welcome and Introduction from Mr Terry – Interim Headteacher**

May I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the latest staff addition to the Newfield family. I am delighted to be joining the school this term as Interim Headteacher until the end of the academic year following Mr Robinson's departure as Headteacher at Christmas. The welcome that I have received has been fantastic and already, although very early days, I have seen first-hand what makes Newfield such a special place for all our young people.

As a Headteacher of over eighteen years and in a variety of school settings I have always felt it a privilege to lead but, more importantly, serve the community in creating the best educational opportunities possible for children. I genuinely believe that working in partnership with parents is at the heart of the school experience and I look forward to meeting with you over the months to come.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch and contact me at the school should the need arise. I hope that you find the rest of the information below useful. Lastly, Happy New Year and may I pass on all our best wishes for the future.

David Terry  
Interim Headteacher

### **Information for Return to School – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

#### **Lateral Flow Tests**

I would like to ask parents to carry out Lateral Flow Tests twice a week, on Sundays and Wednesdays, and inform school of a positive result. If you are struggling to access lateral flow tests please let school know and we can arrange for some to be sent home. I appreciate it is not always easy for all children to comply with administering a test but I very much see this as a new life skill our children will have to learn and accept as we learn to live with Covid. I appreciate your support with this. Staff will continue to take tests twice a week.

#### **Lunches**

We are experiencing some staff shortages in our kitchen team and therefore alternative arrangements have been made this week. You will have been contacted by parentmail if this affects your child.

#### **School Classes and Timetable**

As you all be aware the situation nationally regarding Covid and the new variation has created many challenges for schools and colleges. As always at Newfield we will endeavour to ensure that we keep you all up to date with the latest developments and actions necessary to ensure we maintain a safe and happy learning environment.

The reality of the spread of the new strain of Covid has put pressure on the ability of all schools to maintain staffing levels due to self-isolation and personal illness. At Newfield we are currently reviewing our staffing levels on a daily basis to ensure that as many classes as possible remain unaffected by staff absence. However, given the rapidly changing situation and increase in Covid cases it is likely that we may have to close individual classes on a needs basis. We will endeavour to contact parents / carers individually if this is required. Please monitor our normal communications regularly and our website to keep in touch with us.

