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## From the Headmaster: Weekly Update – 14/01/22

Dear Parents

Term has started well in all parts of the school, with little or no Covid related disruption, which enables me to make this week's communication mercifully brief.

The requirement for all pupils to demonstrate negative Covid status prior to return engendered confidence which was boosted by our experience this week: very few pupils have tested positive thus far (just six in the senior school and two in the junior school) and only four teachers are currently isolating. Our greatest concern remains the potential for staff absence which is why we will continue to require senior pupils to wear masks for the foreseeable future. Senior school pupils will also be able to get vaccinated in school next Tuesday. Mrs Graham will be in touch with further detail.

Although we would have greatly preferred to have all the candidates in school for the Year 7 entrance exam last week the remote arrangements worked very well and pupils coped admirably (including our own Year 6) with the online experience. Outside Junior School singing assemblies have begun again in earnest for the first time since lockdown. Sports fixtures have resumed at all levels and Nursery pupils have enjoyed their first ever swimming lessons. As things stand, it seems likely that we will enjoy a relatively normal Spring Term.

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell  
Headmaster

Ps. On a familiar theme, **I would be grateful if all parents could remember to park and wait considerably within the vicinity of the school.** At least one of our neighbours in Horn Park Lane has already been unable to exit her own driveway and our apologies, however sincere, will inevitably ring somewhat hollow if they have to be repeated.

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