To our dear Westwood family,

Happy New Year again!! I hope you are well.

Just to update you all**, we will be returning to school as scheduled on Monday 10th January, at normal times and arrangements.** We will be opening school at the highest level of controls, which we have had mainly in place regardless.

We have been asked by Welsh Government and Flintshire County Council to continually monitor local situations with Covid 19 and the impact on learners and staff capacity to deliver face to face learning. Before Christmas, and up to press, we have been very lucky with few staff absences and few children’s cases and we were able to stay open and delivering face to face learning. However, what this also means is we will need to be reactive to situations at local levels and as an absolute last resort, partial closures of year groups/classes and to switch to home learning. We hope Westwood will not have to do this

**Therefore, to ensure we are able to continue delivering face to face learning and keep our school open, we must adhere to our health and safety procedures within our handbook and risk assessment.** **We also ask you to support this; the new variant is highly transmissible - be vigilant to its symptoms and keep your child at home if they present with any symptoms linked to Covid 19**. I have attached the Covid posters with the new updated testing information from yesterday, which I hope you find helpful. I have also updated the school risk assessment and parent handbook (attached) to reflect any changes to testing from this week.

Thank you to all of our parents who responded to the hub and device requests this week. We will be keeping this information if it is needed for future use.

**Please keep an eye on your emails- please read all our communications. We will always keep in touch with you with any updates!**

**We are looking forward to welcoming you all back safely on Monday 1oth January – please be punctual, please take care and stay very safe** 😊

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams and Team Westwood 😊