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Growing Hearts and Minds

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## School Update: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Covid Update

After my Covid update last Friday we had a massive rise in reported cases with 26 reported to us on the following Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January. We have also had a large number of staff affected.

This has subsided over the week to only 4 reported cases today. We also have a large number of children finishing isolation each day which has helped lower the number of children absent over the week. We hope therefore that our numbers may have peaked.

What we don't know however is whether these infections will come in waves and numbers rise again at different points going forward. At the moment we are asking children in classes with infections involving 5 or more children to be tested before they return to school and also to regularly test. This seems to have been very effective - where we have done this the numbers affected have quickly fallen.

We will also continue to wear masks in communal areas and ask visitors to the school to do the same until numbers have fallen sufficiently.

We hope that all those affected by the virus will be back with us soon and wish you all well.

### Baby news!

We have 2 teachers who are expecting babies in the summer. Mrs Soans is expecting a baby in the summer holidays and Mrs Reynolds after the May half-term. We will



therefore be looking for a teacher to take Primrose class with Mrs Carrasco for the end of the academic year. We wish both teachers all the very best for their pregnancies!

### **Pupil achievements**

I've had some lovely reports recently concerning different children's achievements outside of school recently. I will feature them in a forthcoming end of half term newsletter. If anyone else has any to share then please send them to our admin email address. If you would like me to include a photo then please attach it as well.

Have a good weekend.

### **Mr Farrugia**

