



Dear Parents and Carers,

25th April 2022

I wanted to write to welcome you all back to the start of the summer term. I hope that you and your families had a good Easter break.

Over the holidays our Duke of Edinburgh group have been out and about on getting used to the expectations for their walks - they had the most beautiful weather and long may it continue! A big thank you to the staff volunteers who support and encourage them.

I wrote before the holidays and talked about the adjustments planned as we move towards 'living with COVID'. Please see attached risk assessment. Levels in the area have fallen recently and we hope this continues. Guidance no longer recommends regular testing, and advises 3 days of isolation for children if they do have tests and test positive or if they are symptomatic with a temperature. The guidance no longer recommends setting work for those who are off school because they will only be off if unwell and therefore should rest. This means we will not be setting remote learning, unless we have to make any decisions to move whole yeargroups to work remotely due to staffing issues. We will continue to keep rooms well ventilated and encourage regular hand washing and good hygiene. We will not be wiping tables at the end of lessons as this is no longer a recommended measure.

A reminder that we are opening school on Saturday 30th April from 10am-2pm to support Matilda Rose Action Squad collecting items to send to Ukraine. We also will be running a cake stall in the morning - if anyone is able to bake anything to contribute please can you let my PA Gill Mitchell know by emailing GMitchell@castlemanor.org.uk

This term has a lot to pack in - GCSE Exams, Activities Week, Work Experience, Sports Day, Haverhill Heroes, PROUD Awards to name just a few! We look forward very much to the term ahead.

With best wishes

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