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Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of this very strange Autumn term I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. I would also like to thank you all for your support in helping us keep the children, staff, families and wider community safe and well. The children have been amazing this term; settling in to their new classes so well after such a long break and adapting to new rules and routines extremely well. They are a credit to you all.

Although we are all looking forward to a break and time together with family I must remind everyone to be vigilant and remember that our fight against COVID-19 is far from over. To ensure everyone remains safe and we can continue to keep our school open to all in the New Year everyone must continue to follow government guidance and reduce contact with others as much as possible. The most up to date guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

As you may be aware schools are being asked to support with contact tracing in the event of a child or member of staff testing positive for COVID-19 in the first 6 days of the Christmas holidays. This is to ensure close contacts are correctly identified. Parents and carers should follow this guidance:

- **If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms prior to 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December**, you should contact the school by text on 07768746807.
- Please text your child's name and a contact number. You will be called back for further information, before we liaise with the Local Authority and Public Health. This number must **NOT** be used for any other reason.
- Close contacts of the person testing positive will be contacted by an email from the school with information about self-isolation.
- **If your child tests positive more than 48 hours since being in school or developed symptoms after 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December you should contact NHS Test and Trace or call 119.**
- School should not be contacted after 3.30pm on 24th December.

A flowchart has been attached to this letter clearly outlining actions and advice in the event of a positive test result.

I sincerely hope everyone remains well and we do not have to contact any close contacts to self-isolate during the Christmas period. If this should happen it is important that everyone realises this is following government guidance and legally, instruction to self-isolate must be followed. Failure to comply could result in fines being issued.

Have a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you safe and well in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sam Woolhouse
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