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Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you have all had a happy Christmas and have been able to enjoy time with your family, even if this has been on a smaller scale than previous years. I have enjoyed seeing the photographs of the Reception children who have been sharing their advent wreaths in their homes and those who have written Postcards of Kindness – please keep sending them in.

Thank you all for the kind wishes/gifts given at the end of last term; they were much appreciated. Your child's teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to provide the best opportunities to ensure that they are catching up with missed curriculum and I thank you also for supporting your children to do so from home.

As we approach New Year's Eve, we learn that we are placed under Tier 4 restrictions. In practical terms, this means that as a school we will continue with arrangements as they were prior to the holiday. However, I ask that you consider your actions as a community:

Firstly, as more of you will not be travelling to work, more of you will travel to the school site. During the last lockdown, this brought great challenges to the carpark. I politely request that you review your travel plans and consider walking to school or parking outside of the grounds. You must not abandon your vehicles as an obstruction, in order to drop or collect your child. This is not only dangerous, but it creates stress for many involved, including the school staff who have to intervene.

Secondly, I ask that you consider your actions when dropping and collecting children. I recognise that this is a challenge, due to the time that some of you have to wait. We do our utmost to maintain distance between bubbles within school and we ask that you support us with this when they are outside the school building. Also, when speaking as adult groups, please maintain your distance and wear masks. Please do this in order to protect all members of our school community.



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Critical workers

We have asked those of you who are critical workers to inform us of this via a survey form (link sent to your phone). This must be completed EVEN IF YOU HAVE TOLD US PREVIOUSLY. This data is needed to prioritise spaces in school, in case of any future need to close the school and operate as we did in the summer term.

Action required:

It is important that you know how to access your child's Microsoft Teams account. Please check that you know the address and password. DO NOT CHANGE THE PASSWORD. This account is needed to access remote learning in any situation, including school closure in the event of adverse weather, homework in some cases and future Parents' Evening meetings.

It was a relief not to have to write to any classes during the approach to Christmas, with the need to isolate due to positive cases of COVID. However, I must remind you of the expectations in relation to this:

- Should a member of your household have symptoms of COVID, the entire household must self-isolate whilst you seek a test/await the results.
- You must inform the school of the reason for your child's absence. This information is confidential. Email the details to stanthonysoffice@cloudw.co.uk. The information that we require is (i) who was the affected person; (ii) when did they first experience symptoms; (iii) what was the date of their test. If the affected person is the child, this information is needed when we inform Public Health and The Department for Education, who determine who else needs to isolate and for how long.



- Should your child need to isolate, you are expected to assist them in engaging with their learning online via Microsoft Teams. Their lessons are recorded and this will enable their absence from school to have a reduced negative impact.

I hope that you can all find a way to celebrate this New Year's Eve. Enjoy the last part of the holiday; enjoy good health and we look forward to welcoming you all back next Monday.

Wishing a happy and prosperous 2021 to you all.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Davis
(Head Teacher)

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4 th January	All pupils return to school
Monday 4 th January	Catch-up interventions and CoolKids restart this week
Wednesday 6 th January	Whole school Mass to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany
Friday 8 th January	Soccer 2000 restarts for C5
Wednesday 3 rd February	Parents' Evening booking system opens
Wednesday 10 th February	Parents' Evening via Microsoft Teams
Thursday 11 th February	Parents' Evening via Microsoft Teams
Friday 12 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
15 th – 19 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM
Monday 22 nd February	All pupils return to school
Thursday 1 st April	School closes one hour early – break up for Easter break
Friday 2 nd – Friday 16 th April	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK
Monday 19 th April	All pupils return to school

