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In love with Christ: Be the best I can, Be kind to one another.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and all of your loved ones safe and well.

In response to the concerns regarding the new Covid-19 variant, Omicron, we have been advised to review our risk assessment and implement adjustments accordingly. In order to allow our children, staff and families to have a safe, happy and isolation-free Christmas, it is essential that we act now to stop infections spreading in our homes, schools and communities.

We are asking parents to co-operate with us by following these safety guidelines:

- Only **one** parent/carer to enter the school grounds when collecting their child(ren).
- Please wear a face mask (unless exempt). These will be available at the school gates if required.
- When collecting your child(ren), please stay behind the running track maintaining the 2m social distancing rule at all times. Staff will present your child(ren) to you. Please do not attempt to engage staff in conversations at the classroom doors. Please Dojo class staff in order for your queries to be addressed.
- Having collected your child, please exit school immediately.
- Please do not go to the school office for queries, as there will be no face-to-face meetings. Should you require office support, please call 0151 228 4137, Dojo or email.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

The final day for Breakfast Club and After School Club has been brought forward to **Friday 10th December**. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but we are hopeful that the clubs will resume after the Christmas holidays.

Extra-Curricular Activities

As from **Friday 3rd December**, extra-curricular activities will cease until after the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Celebrations

All Christmas celebrations will be for our children and staff only. Parents are unable to celebrate with us inside the school building. All nativities carol concerts & Advent services will be shared remotely on our school website. Class teachers will send you details of how and when to access these and enjoy our festivities with us.



Christmas Gifts

Many of you have asked if you are able to send gifts into school for Christmas. Sincere apologies if you have already gone to the trouble of purchasing gifts but unfortunately, we are not in a position to be able to accept your kind and generous gestures. The most precious gift for us all this year would be a Covid-free family Christmas.

Key actions people can take to keep themselves and their communities safe

- Get vaccinated
- Get your booster when it's your turn
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-booster-vaccine/>
- Continue to test regularly – with lateral flow tests
- Wear face coverings in communal areas and when advised / appropriate to do so
- Wear face coverings on public and school transport
- Maximise ventilation
- Maintain good hygiene – wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser
- Self-isolate if not well with covid symptoms, and get PCR test asap
- Self-isolate if asked by NHS Test and Trace

I hope that you and your families keep safe.

God Bless

Mrs Bellis-Knox

Headteacher