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Dear Parents & carers

We are now moving rapidly towards the Christmas break and although things may not be how we would like them to be I am sure we will all appreciate the opportunity to spend time with friends and relatives over the festive period. I have been asked by several parents regarding Christmas cards and gifts for teachers. Your child is very welcome to send in cards for their friends in their class. These will be quarantined for three days before they are distributed. Please don't send cards for children in other classes as this will require additional sorting and a member of staff to take around the school and we are extremely mindful of limiting staff mixing in different bubbles. Your child is very welcome to send in gifts for their teacher. (Although these are lovely gestures, please, please don't feel you have to.) Again these will be quarantined for the three days. The last day for bringing cards etc. is the 15th of December.

Please remember that if your child, or anybody in your household, starts to develop any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19, please follow government advice, isolate and seek a test. Please let us know the outcome of the test once it is known. The link for symptoms to look out for is here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>.

As we get closer to the Christmas holiday, we are very aware of the risk of contact with any positive case that could impact on a family's festive plans. For this reason, we are reminding you to be extra vigilant with your child and their health. We ask, on behalf of all our families and staff, that you do not send your child into school if they show any signs of being unwell. We are hearing of some cases where children, who have tested positive with COVID, often show some pre-symptoms. These can include headaches, stomach aches, and diarrhoea.

A person is contagious up to 48 hours prior to COVID symptoms becoming apparent and anybody who has been in contact with a positive case must isolate for 14 days. If you can take rapid action when your child is feeling unwell, this could help prevent further transmission. We want all of our staff and families to enjoy their Christmas Day and by working together we can ensure that this can happen. We will continue to maintain our strict measures around school, and would like to take this opportunity to remind you to follow the guidance of social distancing and wearing a mask as you move around the school site.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Stay safe and keep well

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