



COVID-19

Through my messages on Seesaw you will be very aware that Covid-19 hasn't gone away. When I drafted this letter on Wednesday we had 5 active Covid cases in school, we now have 8, with several awaiting PCR results after testing positive on LFD. In addition, PHA have identified Miss McClay's class as a cluster and all children in the class have been advised to have PCR tests. They will be able to return to school as normal on Monday as long as they have had a negative PCR result. The last few days have once again highlighted for me how remarkably quickly and easily Covid can spread. It is really important that we remain vigilant.

I continue to be very grateful for the incredible support and understanding that you have afforded us during what has proved to be a very challenging term. Given the evolving Covid situation it is now, more important than ever, that you should:

- Arrange a PCR test for your child if they any show any symptoms of Covid.
- Err on the side of caution and don't send your child into school if they are unwell.
- Inform me by text on 07359015420 (stating your child's name and their teacher's name) if your child tests positive.

CAROL SERVICE & CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

As you are aware Y4 – Y7 children will be recording the Carol Service on Tuesday 14 December. They should wear their school uniform as normal but swap their school sweatshirt for a Christmas jumper.

Christmas Dinner Day is Wednesday 15 December and this is a non-uniform day when the children can wear something 'Christmassy'.



TEN-DAY LEARNING PACK

Your child will have brought home a 10-day learning pack today. **DO NOT USE THE LEARNING PACK UNLESS DIRECTED TO DO SO, BY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.** This learning pack will be used in the event that:

- Your child's class is asked to remain at home as we are unable to provide appropriate cover for your child's class.
- We are asked to move to remote learning, enabling teachers to get Seesaw up and running again.

As things stand, DE have stated that schools will **NOT** be closing early for Christmas. As a Principal, I still believe that school is the best place for your child, however, as a parent I completely understand your concerns regarding your child contracting Covid-19 and having to isolate over Christmas. However, if you choose to keep your child at home in the run up to Christmas, we are unable to provide any additional work as school is open as normal and as I have already stated, please **DO NOT** use the learning pack.

Kind regards.

J LOUGHINS
Principal

