



17th December 2020

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

What a year 2020 has been! When I reflect on what we have all been through, many feelings come to the fore, but above all gratitude. I'm grateful that we have so far managed to weather the storm of Covid with relative success and that we have, through careful management, safeguarded our community well. I'm also thankful for the ongoing support from all of our families who have reacted to the changes that we've put in place so positively, and to my staff for their never-ending enthusiasm and dedication. We must also say well done and thank you to the children – everyone has worked so hard and taken those first steps to successfully catching up on learning that was missed during lockdown.

Christmas is a time where we give thanks, but it's also a time to come together. Sadly this year, our direct contact with others will be limited by the current regulations and we'll have to make do with video calls, messaging and phone calls. It's so important that we continue to keep each other safe, both for our immediate health but also to enable the school to continue running successfully next term. For this reason, I have attached information in this newsletter of how to contact us should a pupil test positive for Covid-19. We will then be able to pass relevant information within our community.

I'm sure that you will join me in hoping that during 2021 we continue to journey towards a more normal world. In the meantime, I'm sure that we will continue to stick together and support the children to the best of our abilities.

With best wishes for a relaxing, enjoyable and peaceful Christmas,

Mr Vernon, Principal



Christmas performance

We will be texting out very soon a link to our Christmas Performance. We hope that you enjoy it with your family.

Reporting positive cases of Covid-19

If your **child** tests positive for coronavirus **up to and including Sunday 20th December**, please contact the academy using the following email address: holidaycovidcontact@aat.education This is an email for all academies and provisions in our Trust. Therefore, it is really important you clearly state your child's name and the academy they attend. This email address will only be monitored between 0900-1000 daily.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus from **Monday 21st December**, please contact NHS Test and Trace directly and follow the contact tracing instructions provided. **There is NO requirement to contact school.** Should we be required to support the tracing of contacts, this will be following communication directly from Test and Trace to the academy. Members of the academy will be available via this method up to and including **Thursday 24th December as is the case nationally.**

If your child tests positive for coronavirus after Thursday 24th December, you need to communicate directly with NHS Test and Trace as above **but there is no requirement for you to inform the academy until the first day of the new term.**

The Test and Trace service can be contacted directly by telephoning 119 or alternatively you can book a test online by going to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
Please note that the arrangements above should only be followed if your **child** (not a household member) tests positive. There is **no requirement** to make contact to just report symptoms or to notify that you intend to take a test.

INSET day

Please note that, in line with our Academy Trust calendar, Monday 4th January is an INSET day and the school will be closed to children on this day.

School week

It is our intention to return a normal 5 day week from January, with timings for drop off and pick up the same from Monday to Friday. Should our circumstances change regarding staffing, we may have to revert back to the current system of closing earlier on a Friday but will of course let you know should this need to happen.

Food support during the holidays

Links to the BCP support for food and other items for families that need it can be accessed here: <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/News/News-Features/COVID-19/Help-advice-and-support/Winter-Support/Support-this-winter.aspx> - this includes all the information on the winter funding grant support and links to the food pages too.

P.E. times

P.E. days are as below from January. Children in Reception and Year 1 will continue to change in school but children in Years 2-6 should continue to wear their P.E. kits into school on these days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5TE	Year 3 and 4		5JW	Year 2 and 6

Attendance

During the week commencing the 7th December, the class with the best attendance was . During the week commencing the 14th December, the class with the best attendance was .

Weekly Class Attendance	7 th December	14 th December
RAD	96.27%	90.97%
RRL	99.15%	89.38%
1SW	98.57%	96.39%
2LW	93.42%	94.16%
2MA	95.56%	96.53%
3HC	94.92%	96.93%
3NT	96.17%	93.73%
4KH	93.85%	98.88%
5JW	91.88%	94.12%
5TE	97.71%	97.44%
6BC	93%	97.13%
6RM	95.06%	96.80%

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