



*The Best That We Can Be*  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sadly, Covid-19 is still with us, and we are seeing an increased number of positive cases within our school community. Therefore, we want to do all we can to ensure that the festive period runs smoothly and safely for all our families and our staff.

We are asking for you to support us by:

- Only entering the school office if it is absolutely necessary. If you do have to enter the school office, a face covering must be worn.
- Wearing a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from school.
- Keeping children at home if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19 and informing us of your child's absence. The main symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- Limiting movement on the school playground at the end of the day. Please can parents refrain from cutting through the playground at the end of the day and instead, walk around the perimeter of school to collect children from the appropriate gate.

As a school, we are being vigilant and taking extra precautions and we will send children home if we feel they are symptomatic. If this is the case, we highly recommend that your child is taken for a PCR test. This will ensure a speedy return to school if the test returns a negative result and will also enable us to keep a track of positive cases and plan accordingly.

Thank you for your support in keeping the school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

*D.P. Simm*

Mr D.P. Simm  
Headteacher

