



Welcome back to school, we hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and managed to get some time to relax and rest. It has been great to see the children back in class; they have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

You will have received a letter earlier this week from Alun Williams, CEO of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership, regarding the current measures being put in place across the Trust schools. A couple of things to note from this include pupils wearing extra layers for times when we need to increase ventilation and the request for all parents and carers to wear masks when on the school site. This includes drop off in the morning and pick up at the end of the day.

Next Wednesday we plan to have a Christmas Celebration Day! This is a chance for your child to come to school in a Christmas jumper if they wish, they will also be having Christmas/New Year themed activities in school and a small class party. We also missed the Carols by Candlelight on the last week of term, although we are not in a position to run this still, due to current restrictions, we would like to invite parents a class at a time to come onto the playground a few minutes before pick up to listen to their children sing some of the songs they were learning last term. Your child's class teacher will email you and let you know when that will be.

Last term we asked you whether you would be able to complete a Parent Questionnaire and return it to school by today. Due to school closure we are going to send the questionnaires out again as so many of you did not receive a paper copy. We are also going to extend the deadline to Friday 14th January and would be extremely grateful if you would fill one in if you haven't already completed a copy.

Covid Update

We will continue to keep you updated each week on any developments at school regarding Covid.

We currently have cases in school; families who have been affected over the holidays and are now not in, community transmission rates are still high, so we could have more. Please do inform us if your child has a positive lateral flow test, you now no longer need to get a confirmatory PCR test but isolate for 7 days. If your child then produces two negative lateral flow tests at least 24 hours apart, with the first taken no earlier than day 6 they may return to school. If your child is showing symptoms of Covid but produces a negative lateral flow, we would ask that you still book a PCR.

We have had many requests for work for children who are not in school for various reasons. Please note the following which is applicable to all schools regarding remote learning:

My child is awaiting a PCR result - work will be provided by the school

My child has Covid - work will be provided, but only needs to be completed should your child feel well enough

My child is ill (other illness) - work will not be provided as your child is not well enough to be in school

My child is not attending as we think it is not safe due to Covid - no work will be provided