

The run up to the Christmas break

As we're sure you are aware, we are trying our very best to make sure that our families and staff are able to enjoy their Christmas without having to isolate, either as a family or individually. We have been extremely lucky so far not to have had to shut a bubble or even the whole school because of cases of covid-19. The local rates of infection are rising, we are about to come out of lockdown into the frenzy of Christmas and we really need to do our very, very best to stay as covid-free as we possibly can. We would like to remind you of the following:

- Please can we remind everyone that they MUST wear a mask in the village hall car park, staff car park, on the playground and around the playgroup gate when dropping off and picking up children. Your mask MUST cover both nose and mouth (a scarf is NOT suitable). You should not remove the mask until you are back in your car/off the premises and away from potential contact with others.
- Parents are still expected to be socially distancing at these times and so should avoid gathering at the gates, in the car park, on the playground or under shelters.
- Please make sure that you are thinking of others (including local residents) when you park and avoid parking somewhere where it will block the flow of traffic. If you are driving you should use the village hall car park, and pedestrians should use the playgroup entrance. There is space available in the church car park if required. We need the beginning and end of the day to run as smoothly as possible, so please arrive no earlier than your allotted time so that there is enough space to make this possible. Please also make sure, if using the village hall car park, that you walk your children to and from your car to the gate.
- Please make sure that this message is passed on to anyone else who may be picking up your child.
- If you need to talk to a member of staff, please can you email them (email addresses are on their last school report and on the website), or ring the office and ask for a phone call back.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell in any way, or if they have had Calpol or similar medication before school.
- Inform us if:
 - your child is ill and has shown signs of covid-19
 - if one of your household has been or is waiting to be tested for covid-19
 - if someone in your support bubble has been or is waiting to be tested
- Please accept that if during school time, your child is unwell in any way we will send them home.
- Lastly, for the meantime the only things to transfer between home and school will be reading books (not reading record books); lunch boxes and drinks; coats and suitable winter wear. Any homework, spellings, etc should be online only (no paper homework or extra bags). They no longer need a PE kit in school as they are wearing their kit on the days that it takes place. If they need trainers to change into when here, they need to keep them here until the end of term. Any Christmas decorations or activities that they are doing at school will still go ahead at school but will not be sent home.

Thank you so much for your co-operation so far. Without your support in all of this we are sure we would be in a very different situation.

Mr Gibson, Mrs Kelsey, Mr Rickaby