



Monday 15th November 2021

Dear Family

I apologise for the amount of correspondence that you have received from me today. Over the last week, we have seen an increase in the number of positive cases and you will see from the letter sent previously that this has resulted in the closure of one of our year groups, today. The [risk assessment](#) has been updated and can be found on the school's website. It is vital that any pupil who is presenting as unwell, be taken for a PCR test. Details of symptoms and wider symptoms can be found following this [link](#). We are finding that cold like symptoms and tummy upsets are the most common symptoms in our pupils.

Christmas performances and activities

We have received updated guidance from the Local authority regarding how to minimise risks regarding Christmas productions and activities. Unfortunately, this will mean that once again we will not be able to host a Christmas fair, and all performances for Christmas will have to be remote. Once arrangements are in place we will be in touch regarding how you can access your child's contribution. We know that not being able to participate in Christmas activities, in school will be very disappointing and we appreciate your support and understanding that all decisions have been made with the children's safety in mind. Our priority is very much making sure that any disruption to your child's education is minimised and that we do not put anyone's health at unnecessary risk, especially in the run up to Christmas.

You can continue to support the PTFA's fundraising efforts by participating in their raffle – please see the [letter](#) sent out on Friday 12th November.

Road safety week

Children will be participating in a number of road safety activities and assemblies this week alongside the Local Authority's campaign, 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. Pupils will be bringing resources home with them to support their understanding of what they can do to keep themselves safe. In addition, year groups will be looking at how safe our local area is, in particular at busy times in the school day. We continue to get several complaints from local residents, fellow parents and other members of our school community regarding inconsiderate parking and dangerous speeding past our school. At an age appropriate level, children will be thinking about these issues and what we as a school can do to help eradicate the risks. The PCSOs are supporting us with our road safety focus and have been in to speak to our year 6 pupils today. **The week will end with a non-uniform day on Friday 19th November, where we will be collecting donations of up to £1 for our own road safety campaign. We encourage children to come into school in brightly coloured clothing to support the 'Be bright, be seen' message.**

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I am very grateful for your continuing support in what continue to be difficult and disruptive times.

Yours sincerely

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