



14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to write to you to say a really big thank you for all the support with the Christmas events. I feel that we have been very lucky to continue to hold these in school given the current circumstances and I have felt very reassured that you worked with us so positively to make these happen in as safe a way as possible.

We are asking parents/carers, in line with government guidance, to continue to LFT your child over the holiday period (secondary/blue jumpers only) and testing kits will be coming home with your child this week. You will note that this is a different coloured box, and this is because it is a different method of testing. When you read the instructions, you will see that this is a NASAL ONLY swab. We were notified several months ago that we were to use up the old LFT's that we had but that all our new kits would be nasal only and so please don't worry about this in any way. I used them myself last night and it is all equally (if not more) straight forward.

Secondary parents will have received my letter regarding the staggered start back to school in January to allow for further in school testing but as always if you have any questions about that you know where we are.

And finally, then the last word from me.

We have come so far together, and I believe that we have achieved much. In addition to the usual school business, we managed our school extension - (and your child's tolerance whilst we lived on a building site was amazing!) and our new playground (which you all helped to contribute to and which your child patiently waited for). And then of course a very small matter of experiencing a global pandemic together.

My leaving provides opportunities for wonderful people in school to take the reins now and I am very confident in Miss Frankland and Mr James's ability to lead the school forward.

I am indebted to you for all the support over these last 5 years, and for the trust that you placed in me to take care of and educate your child. It is my hope that you feel that I have served you well over this time.

I will remain available to you until 31<sup>st</sup> December and so if you need anything over the holiday period then please do get in touch.

With all my very warmest wishes to you and your families at Christmas time.

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