

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the most unusual term of my 22 years in teaching, we can reflect back on all we have achieved as a school community with tremendous pride!

Your children have adapted brilliantly to all of the changes that we have made in school to ensure that the environment is as Covid-19 secure as possible.

The children have worked productively with their teachers and teaching assistants over the past term, making very pleasing progress indeed. We are immensely proud and impressed by their resilience and determination to succeed in the face of the current challenges to their education.

Notifying the school of positive Covid-19 test results during the Christmas holiday

If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result at any time during the school holiday then please let us know immediately, using the email address covidtestreporting@saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk right up until mid-day on 23rd December. We need to know the date your child was last in school, the date the test was taken and the first date that your child experienced symptoms of Covid-19.

Please do not send messages to your child's class teacher via Class Dojo as they will not get picked up during the Christmas break.

This term, we have been really pleased that the attendance at school has been high and we have been fortunate that we have had only two cases that have resulted in classes having to work at home and self-isolate.

If the school is notified of a positive Covid-19 case within our school community up to 23rd December and your child is identified through contact tracing as being a close contact of the affected individual, then we will advise you of the need for your child to self-isolate for 10 days from the last point of potential close contact.

I really hope there are no cases, however I will monitor the email address and we will be in touch with you (either the same day or the following day, depending on the time of notification) if we receive a positive case to undertake any contact tracing that may be required.

I would like to end by thanking you all for your incredible support over the past year. Your kind messages have sustained me and the staff during some very demanding times, reminding us of what a privilege it is for us to lead this fantastic school and community.

I wish you all a restful holiday and hope that you are able to share many moments of joy with your loved ones. One positive from this pandemic is that it has reminded us all of the importance of fellowship and community, of kindness and caring for one another and of the need to cherish and appreciate the time that we can spend together!

As 2021 begins we must not forget the difficult times faced by everyone in 2020, but as we enter a new year it's time to look forward to the future. In the words of John Lennon, 'Let's hope it's a good one, without any fear'. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2021 when we welcome you all back to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

Have a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas!

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

Mr S Hardaker
Headteacher

