

FOREFIELD MATTERS

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This week we have seen further updates from the government regarding restrictions around Covid-19. You can find a summary of these on our website. FJS Governors met last night and, as you can imagine, much of their discussions centred around the pandemic and the impact on pupils and staff. In the event of a positive case being identified as the new variant (omicron) **all** close contacts will be asked to isolate for 10 days – regardless of immunisation status or age. The guidelines are set to change again in January, when isolation will be replaced with daily testing.

We are ending the week with far fewer cases than last week and no new cases reported today.

Earlier this week we added these messages to our website:

“In school we are trying to ensure good ventilation, but this can make the classrooms feel colder (especially when the outside temperature drops). We would therefore encourage pupils to wear additional layers – a fleece for example, or an extra T-shirt under their uniform.”

“Although we are determined to enjoy our Christmas parties, movies, bingo games and fun, we are trying to minimise the number of items brought in from home. Rather than bring in lots of Christmas cards and have to quarantine them, why not make a donation to charity instead?”

Our Parent Governors also asked about gift-giving and Christmas cards. Whilst we would never presume about Christmas presents for teachers, governors suggested that if anyone did want to send a gift into school, they should do so before Friday, 17th December.

Christmas cards are a lovely way to spread a little Christmas cheer, but as stated above we would ideally like to minimise the number of items coming into school. If everyone in a class of 30 sent everyone else (and their teacher) a card, we would quickly reach 900 cards per class and 10,800 cards across the school!

Children will be making their own cards in school for family members and although we can't all get together to perform, each class has been busy learning their part for a very special version of 'Must Be Santa.' Mrs Harding is hoping to record this next week and then we will be able to share it via our website.

Sadly, the last couple of years have seen constant change, disruption and frustration for all of us and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the very difficult pathway that we all must follow – even though we don't always know where it will lead next!

Everyone's priority is to stay safe in order to enjoy the festive season with our own families. Take care,

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