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**Care, Collaboration, Challenge**

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Dear Parent

Over the last few weeks we have had quite a high number of children that have tested positive for Coronavirus. Thankfully, this has reduced considerably over the last week. Attached with this letter is a letter from Geoff Barnes, the Interim director of Public Health for North East Lincolnshire. In the letter he states that he has suggested to schools that for the period between now and the Christmas holidays they may wish to ask parents to keep their children away from school if another person living in their household tests positive for COVID. After discussing this with our trust, we have decided that we would only ask parents to do this if there is evidence of rising cases in school. It is important for children to be in school and it would be a shame for them to miss out on any planned Christmas events.

We will monitor the situation closely, but at present, numbers of positive cases are minimal. This means that our planned visits to the pantomime can go ahead, as well as our Christmas party.

From Monday, we will be releasing Year 5/6 from their bubbles, so that they will be able to mix again with their friends from other classes.

Rest assured that we are continuing to implement all recommended Covid protocols, including thorough cleaning, mask wearing for adults in communal areas during busy periods, key stage assemblies rather than whole school and ensuring that classrooms are well ventilated.

As we move towards our final week before the holiday, I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation during what has once again been a difficult term.

Yours faithfully

*A. Willett*