

St Anne's Catholic Primary School

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'Loving God in all we do'

Wednesday 2nd December

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know from previous communications, large numbers of children and families have had their schooling disrupted during this autumn term. I want to thank everyone who has adjusted their normal routines and behaviours. At the beginning of the term, I used the phrase '**By staying apart, we are staying together!**'

I am now asking for one more combined effort prior to the Christmas holidays from all our school family. St Anne's is a wonderful school community and we have all played our part in keeping teachers, children and families as safe as possible during these difficult times.

To ensure all children, families and staff can celebrate Christmas with their own families, it is very important we all try our best to follow this guidance.

Monday 7th December through to Friday 18th December

- We ask that only one parent/grandparent enters the school grounds to drop off or collect their child.
- Once collected, children and parents must leave the school grounds immediately. There can be no playing on the playground equipment or in the woodland areas.
- Limited discussions between families on the school grounds or on the pavements outside of school.
- We ask all parents to follow Tier 3 restrictions in relation to social contacts.
- Carefully consider the time of collection for a younger brother or sister to limit your waiting time for Year 5 or Year 6 children at the end of the day.

These short term changes go against what we all know is best for our children's educational and emotional wellbeing. However, this short intervention is for the greater good of all.

If we all adhere to the above guidance and there is a positive outbreak resulting in families or staff having to isolate during the Christmas period, we will know we could not have worked any harder to try to prevent this.

Food parcels

If families are in critical need of food parcels please contact Mrs Penlington in the school office. All communications will remain confidential and support will be offered.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher