



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I know many of you are aware the government suggested we close on Friday 18th December for a training day, I know that there has been a lot of speculation locally and on social media, however we will be open but we are going to be closing earlier. **Therefore school will be open Friday 18th December but will close at 1:30pm, The Annex will close at 4pm.**

A few reminders from last week:-

- \* Face masks—please ensure that whoever is dropping off and picking up wears a face mask on site and in any queue.
- \* Social distancing—please ensure that in queues and if chatting you are maintaining social distance
- \* Symptoms—if any symptoms present in a family member (continuous cough, high temperature or loss of senses taste/smell), please ensure they have a Covid test and that the household isolates and inform the office either [via email office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk) or by phone 0161 643 7132—**Do not send children into school if a member of the household is being tested due to symptoms.**
- \* Illness—please do not send children to school ill, some symptoms present differently in children
- \* Covid test results—please inform school at the earliest opportunity of results if positive or negative either [via email office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk) or by phone 0161 643 7132 **Please keep school informed**



Our staff have been informed that if they wear a fluid resistant face mask the likelihood of having to isolate is reduced so some of them will be wearing them more frequently.

It is essential that we all work together to ensure that we follow the advice and guidance in order to keep safe for Christmas.

Please see below for arrangements for Christmas celebrations in school.

Kind Regards

Mrs Butterworth

Headteacher

### **Christmas celebrations**

#### **Advent services**

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo and Twitter as staff are sharing the Advent services weekly on these platforms.

#### **Parties**

**Children can wear party clothes but will be outside during playtime so please ensure they are wearing suitable footwear and a coat.**

Tuesday 15th December

⇒ Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and LKS2 (Year 3 & 4)

Wednesday 16th December

⇒ KS1 (Year 1 & 2)

Thursday 17th December

⇒ UKS2 (Year 5 & 6)

#### **Class dojo & Birthday celebration**

This will take place on Thursday 17th December

#### **Advent Mass**

Thursday 17th December Bishop John is celebrating an Advent mass via [www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral) at 2pm

(Children will be watching the recording Friday 18th December)

#### **Christmas Holidays**

Friday 18th December—school closes@ 1:30pm

Tuesday 5th January 2021 —school reopens