



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the past term, it has been quite challenging at times but by working together we have ensured that the children return to some sort of normal school life.

As you know the government are committed to keeping schools open in the run up to Christmas, I fully support this and as a school we are continuing to follow our Risk Assessment and any new guidance shared by the government. However, to ensure all in our community (children, families and staff) can enjoy Christmas we are going to be increasing our controls. I am concerned that if we had any cases in the last week it would mean that those children and staff would have to isolate for the Christmas holidays, something we must all work together to avoid. 🧑‍🤝‍🧑

Therefore please help us to help everybody stay safe and not have to isolate over Christmas time.

- \* 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@stthomasmoreroc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@stthomasmoreroc.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@stthomasmoreroc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@stthomasmoreroc.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**

### **Lighthouse toy appeal**

Wednesday 9th December—Please bring any gifts for the toy appeal

### **Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day**

Thursday 10th December—children can wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory with their uniform donation of £2 for Save the children

### **Christmas cards**

Please encourage your child to make or write one card for the whole class to be displayed in the classroom.

### **Advent services**

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

### **Parties**

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

Tuesday 5th December—school reopens