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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID Positive Cases Update

We have had a fairly significant increase in positive COVID cases in school over this week and so have implemented some of the systems of controls we have used before as a preventative measure.

We are endeavouring to limit the number of people in any internal space. With this in mind we are now holding all assemblies via zoom. From Monday next week packed lunches will be eaten in the classrooms thereby reducing the number of children mixing in the hall. Children who have school dinners will continue to eat in the dining hall.

We have had to make the sad decision to alter the Year 3 Nativity and change it to a Christmas Festive Sing Up, year 3 parents have been informed about this and will still be able to watch their children but this will be via Zoom.

We also had planned an opportunity for parents and carers to come into classrooms and look at children's books. We have decided to postpone this and will attempt to organise this again in the New Year.

The PTFA Christmas Fair is still planned for Friday 10th Dec after school but this will definitely be held outside and if we have bad weather I'm afraid we will have to cancel it. Let's hope for a blue sky that day.

We currently plan to still have Christmas dinner paid for by the PTFA. We have organised this so each year group has the hall to themselves to limit numbers in there at any one time.

Should cases of COVID continue to rise we will implement our "Outbreak Management Plan" more fully. This will include reintroducing bubbles as and where they are necessary.

Once again many thanks to those parents and carers using the LFD tests regularly before sending their children to school. They are definitely picking up some asymptomatic cases that we would not otherwise have known about.

We appreciate your understanding in all these matters.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe
Headteacher

