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Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks are flying by and we find ourselves a week away from breaking up for Christmas. The children are getting more and more excited about Christmas as festive activities are happening in school and in some homes. It is good to feel the Christmas buzz around school.

You might have seen in the media that some schools are not open next Friday. **Mousehold will be open as normal on Friday 18th December** as we feel this is more helpful to families. It seems too short notice for working parents to close a day early. We will of course ensure, as best we can, that our risk assessment is adhered to by staff, parents and children next week to keep ourselves as safe as we can so we can hopefully all enjoy a Christmas with our families, without needing to self-isolate. We have done so well up until now, let's continue this good work next week.

Communication from the Local Authority

During the school holiday please can we ask that you follow all the national guidance, we have included some helpful bullet points and web addresses below. It is by everyone taking individual responsibility to follow this guidance, that we can together manage a safe and secure return to education in the new year.

- . If your child is unable to start the new term because of COVID-19 or any other illness please let us know in the normal way. School reopens 4th January 2021*
- . If your child lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus, your child must stay at home for **14 days** from the first day the person with coronavirus had symptoms or had their test.*
- . If your child develops Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared (or from the date they received a positive test result).*
- . COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) has*

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information for households with possible coronavirus infection including easy to read guides in a number of languages.

- . Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) has information for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus infection including an easy to read guide.*
- . If your family is need of support to help you through a period of isolation, please see the Norfolk Assistance scheme.*
- . Some residents are also entitled to a self-isolation support payment of £500.*
- . Please remember; there are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other*
 - . 1. Wash hands, 2. Cover face, 3. Make space*

Although the festive season will be different this year as we all continue to try and keep each other safe and healthy, we do hope that you can all enjoy this period and we wish you a safe and happy new year.

Helping to keep our community clean

It has been reported to us from some of our parent community that there is dog faeces on some of the pavements of the roads off Silver Road and along Silver Road. If you are also concerned about this then please contact the council.

https://www.norwich.gov.uk/info/20194/dog_issues/2323/report_dog_fouling?fbclid=IwAR1XtUmHOy8giG09fCv8rmavtIKdD_BKILcqvnPNFIPVc4ipKkeMoPRkHYg

Useful App for cheaper food.

One of our members of staff would like to suggest people look into using this APP. It's called 'TooGoodToGo' and offers food bags at big discount prices near to where you live.

Coat donations – support for families

Thank you so much for the very generous donations of coats. Some of these are on the rail in the entrance foyer. We have many more than what we have hanging up and will replace them once coats are taken. Please do help yourself to a warm coat for your child if this will help you this season. We have sizes age 3-8 years. Currently we are at capacity for donations, so please donate to other places for now.

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Thank you for your donations for Miss Jackman's memorial fund

Thank you for your donations to Miss Jackman's memorial fund. We have nearly £400 from our school community and other people who have donated externally. We will let you know how we choose to spend the money. If any of you would like to donate then this option is still there on ParentMail.

The last 3 days of term

Children can wear non-uniform On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. This can include Christmas themed clothes if the children want to, but we don't expect anyone to buy anything new for these days.

Please remember our last day is Friday 18th December. We return to school on Monday 4th January.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your cooperation and positivity.

Yours faithfully
Rebecca Westall
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