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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy week in school, and we are certainly feeling the chill in the air in the mornings now! As I am sure you are aware; I had to make the very difficult decision to close Holly Class bubble on Tuesday, due to insufficient staffing levels. This is not a decision I took lightly, but as COVID-19 continues to affect our community, it is, unfortunately, something I cannot rule out happening again, to any class. In the meantime, can I please ask that you log in to your child's Google Classroom account and check everything is working, from your end, and start to submit normal homework this way. Google Classroom is the platform we will use to send your child work, should a class have to close. I would like to thank Holly class parents and carers who stepped up to the home learning challenge brilliantly on Tuesday and supported their children so well.

#### **Drop off and Pick up**

It is extremely important that your children remain with you when queuing and waiting to come into school in the mornings and whilst waiting for siblings in the afternoon. I am seeing increasing numbers of children playing and running around the carparks, across the front of the school and out on the pavement. Not only is this a risk in terms of COVID it is a very real risk to their safety. The road is narrow and cars do not always drive at appropriate speeds. Whilst we endeavour to organise contractor visits outside of drop off times this is not always possible and contractors may drive into the carparks. Wherever possible I would encourage you to hold your child's hand and in the very least ensure they remain with you at all times.

#### **Christmas Film**

Thank you very much to everyone that returned their permission slips so promptly this week. Whilst we won't be putting on the full nativity play experience this year we will be sharing a little snippet of some of the activities we are able to undertake.

#### **Children's Christmas Cards**

At this time of year, I would normally be inviting the children to send each other Christmas cards via our Bagshot Christmas post box however, as I know you will understand this year must be somewhat different. Please ensure that wherever possible your child limits Christmas cards to children in their own class as each class will have its own way of safely distributing the Christmas cards. I understand that some of your children will wish to send cards to friends beyond their class. Please separate these cards in an elastic band and ask your child to hand them to an adult in the class who will then ensure they are isolated before distributing them to other classes. Please ensure the child's name and most importantly the class name is clearly written on the envelope.

**Please note the final day for sending in cards is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

#### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

Anyone displaying symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test.

Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for Coronavirus (COVID-19) website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms are:

- ◆ A high temperature
- ◆ A new, continuous cough
- ◆ A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

**Staff and children must not come into school if they have symptoms.**

Kind regard  
Miss K Aldred