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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all managed to have a wonderful time with your family during the festive period, albeit a very different Christmas this year. I wanted to write to you all sooner, rather than later, so that everyone is clear about the opening of school next week. I am sure, like me, you too have been waiting to hear how the implementation of tier restrictions and other Government guidance is going to impact us all as we move forward into the spring term.

As of today, parts of the South West, including South Somerset, will be under a tier 4 restriction area. All Saints Church School will continue to open as usual and we look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Monday 4th January. Inevitably there are a few changes that have been made in order to help tighten our mitigation procedures. Please read carefully.

Changes to dropping off and pick up procedures

Due to the findings of a new Covid strain, there are a few alterations to our procedures that we would like to share with you. Further details of these will be available within our updated risk assessment that will be published on our website on Monday 4th January.

Drop off and pick up timings will remain the same as the Autumn Term.

1. We now ask that parents and carers, when leaving their vehicle, wear masks during drop off and pick up times
2. Children will go straight into class, rather than line up outside at their drop off points. This is to help prevent children and staff from getting wet and cold, as well as helping to prevent any unnecessary face to face talking whilst in the line.
3. **Both Mrs Adams and Mrs Sharp (Miss Duffy on a Wednesday)** will be at the front of the school to take messages for teachers. Mrs Sharp (Miss Duffy) will cover KS1 drop off zone and Mrs Adams will cover KS2 drop off zone.
4. **Teachers will be ready in class** to greet their children with a morning task.
5. Mrs Bowditch and other staff members will help to escort children walking around the school building and into their classrooms safely.
6. 1:1 support TAs will be ready to greet the child they support at the said drop off timing in the normal positions.
7. **Children from breakfast club** will go to their classrooms via the playground and not via the front of the school at the allocated drop off time. All children in Classes 2 – 6 will still enter their classroom via their external playground doors. Year 1 and Acorn children will be taken to their classroom by a member of the breakfast club staff.
8. **It is still imperative that all staff and children continue to wash their hands regularly throughout the school day – with priority given to the timings on our risk assessment.**

Pick up times

Pick up times will remain the same for the time being. Both the Class teacher and Teaching Assistant will help to ensure children are sent to their parent or carer. This will help to move traffic in and out of the school site quickly as well as lessen the number of people on site waiting.

At both drop off and pick up time please be reminded that only ONE adult should be leaving their car to collect their child/children.

Get well wishes for Mrs McKenzie (Year 6 Teacher and SENDCo)

Some of you may have noticed that Mrs McKenzie had not been in school for quite a few weeks prior to the Christmas holidays. Mrs McKenzie has been poorly with Covid and regrettably has now been diagnosed with long Covid. I know you will all join me in wishing her well. Mrs McKenzie is in our daily prayers as she continues to slowly regain energy and good health. We miss Mrs McKenzie greatly but know that rest is of utmost importance to her during her recovery period.

Severe Weather Conditions

With the possibility of severe weather during this season, a reminder of procedures: Notices of closures will be posted on –

- The school gates (if possible)
- Schoolzine app notifications
- The school website <https://allsaintsprimary.i2bloggy.com/>
- The closure will be announced on Heart FM Radio (102.6FM) and on Midwest Radio (105.6FM)

School will contact all parents via a Schoolzine notification first and foremost. It can take some time from the school contacting the radio stations to the radio stations broadcasting the information. Please be aware that there are several All Saints Schools in Somerset; so please check and listen carefully that it is All Saints, Montacute. Visiting our school website will also provide information about school closures. The bus companies also list on their websites whether they will be running school transport services.

Uniform reminder

The All Saints school uniform contributes towards the aims of our school. It helps towards bringing the children together in a calm, industrious and collaborative working atmosphere. We expect all children in the school to wear it on each school day.

Please could the children come to school each day wearing:

- school sweatshirts or cardigans (navy with school logo in gold)
- grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- white collared shirt, blouse or polo-shirt
- sensible brown, black or navy school shoes (**no trainers, deck shoes, high heels, shoes without heel straps, inappropriate boots e.g. UGG boots and no shoes without socks**)
- plain socks (white, grey or navy)
- yellow gingham Summer dresses (when appropriate)

Times ahead

These are very challenging times for us all, however, we have already proved as a school community that when we work together, we can achieve great things. The end of last term was fantastic, our children were brimming with Christmas spirit, fun and laughter as they left the school grounds. We all left for the holidays in a festive and positive mindset.

As we prepare for returning to school, please be assured that once again we have everything in place to help keep both staff and children as safe as we can. During the holidays all the carpets and floors have been deep cleaned by a professional company and the whole school has been deep cleaned from top to bottom. A very thorough and productive spring clean if you like!

It is very important that we all play our part within the wider community in order to suppress the virus. If we work together and continue to be mindful of our actions, we will all contribute to helping children and staff continue to be safe.

Finally, I wish you all a fabulous start to the new term. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming ALL children back to school on Monday 4th January.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Bowditch

Headteacher