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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of this Autumn Term to thank you all for the continued support of your children and of our St. Edmund's Community.

Looking back to September I never imagined that the Covid pandemic would still have such an impact on the way we run our school as we look forward to 2021.

We will need to continue with all the restrictions that now rule our lives:

Children - in 'Bubbles' having different playtimes, lunch times, using different entrances and stairways.

Parents – only entering the school site at home time, queuing and following one way systems, communicating with staff via the phone and not face to face.

Staff – uploading work on Google Classroom, filming themselves when in 'lock down' situations, wearing masks at home time.

We have had some very difficult times this term – Bubbles being closed, hardship due to lack of employment, family members suffering from Covid, staff losing family members and also tragically two of our children have lost their fathers.

I cannot express enough how the staff have prayed for the families that have suffered and you are never far from our thoughts.

As we all look forward to Christmas I know that there is always so much for you to do at home in preparation, but please also remember to try and make time for yourself, time to reflect on God's love for us all.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff and governors I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and holy Christmas and we look forward to all of our children returning safely in the New Year.

Kind regards

J Johnstone

Mrs. Johnstone
Acting Headteacher



Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas we ask for your blessing on our all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during these times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all of our families.

Amen.



We finish school for Christmas at 1.00pm on Friday 18th December 2020.

We return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Arrangements in terms of Covid-19 cases during the school holidays:

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts** and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If you do need to contact school because your child has tested positive for Covid, please email this address office@st-edmunds.enfield.sch.uk

