



Weekly Bulletin – 18th December 2020

Headteacher's Message

After a term, indeed a year, like no other we have enjoyed a week of celebrations within our class bubbles. Despite the restrictions, our International Christmas activities, Class Parties and Christmas Worship prepared by Y6 have been real occasions for celebration. They have been an uplifting end to the school term. The Y6 and Reception Christmas story together with information about our International Christmas Week is available on the website.

As the year grows to a close, I must thank the staff for their unstinting efforts on behalf of us all. Despite the many and sustained challenges the pandemic has presented, they have worked tirelessly to provide a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment in which the children can thrive. They have taken on additional duties and worked additional hours in order to provide continuity and stability. All of this with dedication and good cheer. They are a credit to the school.

As you are no doubt aware, school staff have been supporting the track and trace process on evenings and weekends since September. We will continue this support until Christmas Eve and further details about case notification during the holiday period are below. Please read this information carefully and contact the school as outlined if this is necessary.

Finally, a word of thanks to parents for supporting us in keeping children, staff and the community safe by following all of our Covid measures during the course of the term. By continuing to follow the measures we have been able to prevent the virus spreading as far as is possible. Effective partnership has kept the whole community safe. We extend our thanks too, to parents who have kindly donated to FOSS in lieu of gifts for staff. All money donated will be used for the benefit of the children in school.

A reminder that, **if anyone in a household is going for a Covid-test the whole household must isolate until a negative result is returned.** Children must not be in school if a member of their household is awaiting test results.

On behalf of all at school, I wish you and all whom you love a joyful and peaceful Christmas:

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you all when we return on Tuesday 5th January. Let us all hope that 2021 presents us with less challenges than 2020.

With very best wishes

Mr Tait

Covid-19 Test Results- 19th-24th December

Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Christmas Holidays

School will close today. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus you must book a test.

If your child develops symptoms up to and including Sunday December 20th that result in a positive test up to December 24th you must inform the school using the email address

shincliffece@durhamlearning.net

Please use 'COVID-19 TEST RESULT' in the subject line of your email.

Please include:

- the name of your child
- their class
- the date that their symptoms started
- the date they were last in school
- your own contact details

From Monday 21st December

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Monday 21st December onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. **You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.**

Contact tracing during the Christmas break

Please be aware that the school, following the guidance of the Department for Education and Public Health, will do the following for 6 days after the end of term:

- Collect information from staff and pupils with positive tests and families of symptomatic pupils. Emails will be checked each day at 9am.
- Advise families of close contact with confirmed Covid cases, and inform them of self-isolation requirements.

Christingle

Information from Fr Peter:

The Christingle Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 3:30pm by zoom.

This is the link for the service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89536754098?pwd=TnlpWC9zSGREaE95T2VqZnQ5bHJRQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 3675 4098 Passcode: 563833

Please feel free to give the link to friends, but please do not display it on public forums to protect everyone at the event.

In this video I show how to make a Christingle. Here is the link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gkzG1CGpEZlhd0JmoBAojxTTlw8zNaix/view?usp=drivesdk>

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Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net

The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the parents' section of the website.

Can my child go to school today?

Do they have any **COVID Symptoms**?

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Yes
They have a COVID symptom

Self Isolate and Book a COVID Test

Book the test online or call 119

All members of the household should stay at home until the test result is known.*

* Visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.

No
They do not have a COVID symptom

Do they have **diarrhoea or vomiting**?

No
They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

Yes
They have diarrhoea or vomiting

Do they feel unwell?

It is important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell

No
They do not feel unwell

Yes
They feel unwell

Send to School

So long as your child feels well, has not been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, it is OK for them to attend school.

Keep at Home

- Remain off school until they feel well enough to return. Seek medical help from a GP if needed (or 111 if your surgery is closed).
- Remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. A COVID test is not required for diarrhoea and vomiting without the other symptoms above.