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Dear parent/carer

We hope you and your family are staying safe and can enjoy a well-deserved break over the festive period.

With the end of term approaching, we wanted to thank you for supporting the Kirklees family of schools. This has been a term like no other, and many pupils have needed to isolate at various times, but our schools have done an excellent job in managing Covid cases. Attendance levels are good, which is a sign of the trust and faith that families have shown in their local school.

Up to and including the two-week holiday period, it's vital that we all continue following government guidelines and play our part in the fight against Coronavirus. Nobody wants a child to be in isolation over the holidays, but please remember that all schools must still follow the same national guidance from Public Health. This remains key to infection rates falling.

When schools reopen, it is essential that children should not attend if they, or a member of their household, are showing any symptoms of Covid or have tested positive. The main symptoms are: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. If your child has to isolate, they should remain at home at all times during this period.

Schools across Kirklees are doing a vast amount of work to support learning and wellbeing whilst also keeping pupils as safe as possible. This will, of course, continue in 2021 and we thank them for everything they do. At a time of so much uncertainty, the importance of schools has never been greater. They educate our children, they care for them and they make a huge difference in young lives.

Thank you again for supporting your school and for helping our children to enjoy the best possible start. There is lots of information on the council's web page about how we can all play our part in tackling Coronavirus: www.kirklees.gov.uk/playourpart

We wish you and your family the very warmest of wishes for the festive period.

Yours sincerely



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