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Thursday 31st December 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed Christmas as much as they have been able to this year and spent time with family where possible. It has certainly been a different way to spend time with our loved ones and an official white Christmas this year too.

Yesterday saw further announcements from the Prime Minister and his Government which affect many of us in the changing of tiers which will impact on businesses, work, children and families.

Cheshire East has been placed in Tier 4, this tier essentially is a stay at home Tier -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home> and we are all being asked to support this in order to protect each other.

Primary schools remain open and we will be starting back as planned on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. We will be continuing to follow the same procedures as last term and ask that all parents support these again fully:

- **One-way system to enter and leave school** with parents leaving the site as carefully and promptly as possible to avoid any gatherings at any doorways. **One parent only** to drop off to lessen the number of adults on site at any one time. Please make sure you remain socially distanced whilst onsite at all times.
- **Two drop off/collection times** will remain in place to protect parents and staff – **A-E 8:50 and 3:15, F-Z 9:00 and 3:25.**
- **Masks to be worn by all parents and visitors whilst on site.** Staff will wear masks to meet and greet children at the start and end of the day.
- **Limited items coming in to school from home will remain in place** – PE days are set in stone as are Forest School days please see class dojo or website if unsure of these.
- **Cleaning regime remains at a high level** to support and protect children and staff as much as possible.
- Parent volunteers warmly welcomed for Forest School and swimming – please see your child's teacher if you would like to put your name forward.
- **Remote Learning Strategy remains in place**, first day of absence for children who are isolating you are signposted to the school website resources and from the second day of absence Teams is used to set tasks on a daily basis. This is on the website and was sent out to all parents before Christmas by Parentmail. Please familiarise yourself with this document so that should a bubble need to close you are aware of what will happen around education for your child over the time they are at home.
- **Before and After School Club** remains in use for our parents, please use Parentmail to book the slots you need.
- **Lunchtime Arrangements will remain in place** with KS1 using the hall and KS2 using classrooms.

We have worked hard to really push attendance at school over the last few years and have a great attendance record, however please remember that in these times we are asking that if your child is unwell that they are kept at home and that if they are showing symptoms (or someone at home is showing symptoms) that they stay home until tests have been done on the person with symptoms.



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**NHS**

**If you have any coronavirus symptoms:**

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

**Get a test and stay at home**

As well as the three main symptoms named above of Coronavirus, we also shared before Christmas a list of symptoms which if your child was displaying we asked that you contact school before sending them in:

- Sickness
- Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Unexplained tiredness
- Muscle/body aches
- Nasal congestion
- Sore throat

If your child has sickness/diarrhoea, we have a policy that they should not be in school until they are 48 hours clear. This remains in place.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> Should you need to book a test please use the link – we do have a number of test kits in school if you are unable to book a test or order one online.



Please continue to stay safe and take care and I look forward to seeing you all on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

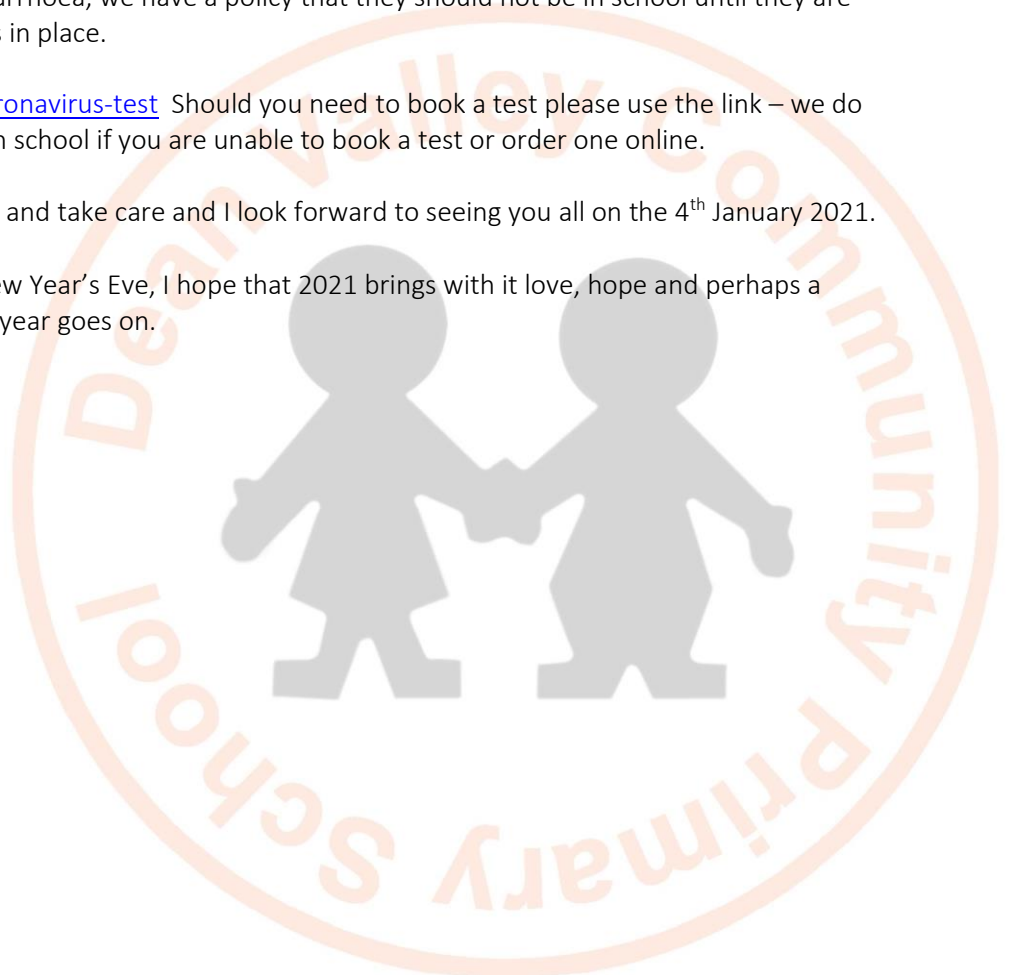
With warmest wishes on New Year's Eve, I hope that 2021 brings with it love, hope and perhaps a little more normality as the year goes on.



Kind regards,



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