

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Another week of changes to Covid 19 regulations. I hope everyone is keeping up!

I have been asked to share the Tier 3 information poster with you which helps explain the new local restrictions (please see the back page).

As with any changes from central government, we review our school risk assessments to ensure that we are in line or even *more stringent* than they require, for the health of our vulnerable children, staff and parents. This week we have welcomed Mrs Wilmshurst back from her enforced period of isolation but have two other teachers now teaching remotely, as they are awaiting test results for family members. The children and staff are adapting admirably and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

We have been reviewing our drop off and collection arrangements as it can be hard for parents in years 1 and 2 to keep socially distanced. The fence, be it there for children's safety, is actually causing parents and children to stand closer than they should at this time.

So from **Monday 7th** we will ask parents in year 1 and 2 to walk their child up to the wooden gate (where the senior leadership team wait) and drop them off there. The leadership team will then line the children up behind the metal fence and parents walk across the drive and leave on the left hand side of the drive.

At the end of the day year 1 and year 2 parents will wait by the hedge opposite the end of the drive and the children will be walked down to meet you. The staff will ensure that children will walk around the pavement to meet you. Please bear with us the first couple of days, as a new routine always needs practice!

All Christmas activities can be found on page 2 of this newsletter and here is a lovely picture of Reception children in their lovely cosy, Christmas corner.



The Christmas assembly will be available on Teams in the assembly channel for 7 days, for you to view. This is strictly for immediate family only and must not be downloaded, as there will be images of children from across the school. If you have requested that your child should not be photographed, then your child will take part but be out of frame, so not seen.



Severe weather plans

Now we have remote learning up and running, if we do have heavy snowfall, we will be running lessons via Teams so children can access all learning at home. Finally, a huge thank you for your comments for the staff 'good will' board. It is starting to take shape; it is the boost they all need!

When	What	To Do
Friday 11 th December	Santa Dash	Wear a Christmas Hat/ accessory, trainers and normal school uniform (PE kits for Year 1 and 6)
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Assembly Rehearsal	Reception and Nursery- Sparkly outfits Year 1- Party Outfits (with sensible shoes, no high heels please!) No PE kits. Year 2- School uniform with a Christmas jumper and/or tinsel Year 3- Own clothes in the theme of Rainbows and sparkles Year 4- PE kits and a Christmas jumper and/or hat Year 5- Onesies/ dressing gowns/ warm pyjamas Please wrap up warm by layering up. Year 6- PE kits and a Christmas jumper and/or hat
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Your favourite Christmas Jumper or Christmassy outfit (PE kit for Year 3), for £1 paid via Gateway.
	Christmas Lunch	Bookings now closed.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Assembly Filming	Reception and Nursery- Sparkly outfits Year 1- Party Outfits (with sensible shoes, no high heels please!) Year 2- PE kit and Christmas jumper and/or tinsel Year 3- Own clothes in the theme of Rainbows and sparkles Year 4- PE kits and a Christmas jumper and/or hat Year 5- Onesies/ dressing gowns/ warm pyjamas NO PE kits needed. Please wrap up warm by layering up. Year 6- School uniform and Christmas jumper and/or hat
Friday 18 th December	Class Christmas Celebration	Optional party clothes and can purchase popcorn and/or hot chocolate on Gateway. Details are attached. (Y6 & Y1 in PE kit as normal)
	Christmas Assembly Recording Available	Assembly available on Teams to all parents- this will be available for 7 days.
	Last day of Term	Have a wonderful break.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Class Christmas Hampers. The donated items are now with your Class Reps who will assemble them into beautifully creative hampers. Remember there is a prize of £50.00, which your child's class can spend on a prize of their choosing, for the most creative hamper.

There is still time to buy your tickets for the Big Christmas Raffle as tickets are on sale until **midnight on Thursday, 10th December**. We have already sold over 900 tickets. This is a fantastic achievement and we are thankful to everyone who has bought a raffle ticket.

By entering the raffle, you could be in with the chance of winning one of 9 hampers, including our fabulous Class Christmas Hampers. Each Class Christmas Hamper also includes donations from local businesses. From a yoga class with Nadyne at Mindful Movement Method to baked goodies from Jacqui at Sprinkles Cakery. There is something for everyone.

If you have not purchased your tickets yet, then you can buy them by following the link below:
<https://raffall.com/142869/enter-raffle-to-win-bishops-down-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-bishops-down-school-psa>

Wednesday, 16th December will be **Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day**. For a donation of **£1.00** to Bishops Down PSA your child can wear home clothes to school with their favourite Christmas top or outfit. Donations can now be made via School Gateway.

Thank you for your continued support of the PSA. There is a lot to remember as Christmas approaches. But we are so grateful to everyone who helps us to raise money for our wonderful school.

We hope you have a fabulous weekend.
Bishops Down PSA



TIER 3

VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<p>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY </p> <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<p>BARs, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS </p> <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<p>RETAIL </p> <p>Open.</p>	<p>WORK AND BUSINESS </p> <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<p>EDUCATION </p> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p>INDOOR LEISURE </p> <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<p>ACCOMMODATION </p> <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<p>PERSONAL CARE </p> <p>Open.</p>
<p>OVERNIGHT STAYS </p> <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<p>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS </p> <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<p>ENTERTAINMENT </p> <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<p>PLACES OF WORSHIP </p> <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<p>TRAVELLING </p> <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<p>EXERCISE </p> <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<p>RESIDENTIAL CARE </p> <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/night visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<p>LARGE EVENTS </p> <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

gov.uk/coronavirus

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

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus

