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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our last Newsletter of 2020 – and what a year it has been! Although we have had a few struggles, we have overcome them as a community and we would like to thank all our children, parents, incumbents and governors, as well as the wider Mayfair community, for supporting the school in these difficult times. Without you all and your support we would not be the caring and learning rich environment that we are.

This week, we have had the opportunity to celebrate our Carol Services in bubbles. Thank you very much to Fr Roddy, Fr Richard and Mrs Georgina Wright for hosting such warm and meaningful Services for our children. Although they were much smaller affairs than in years gone by, they were just what was needed in this final week of school and the week in which London went into Tier 3.

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers and support staff too. They have tirelessly worked through these times and have ensured that the children are settled and that they are learning. Although this sounds an obvious and easy task, they need to be commended on how resilient they have been in times of great change and uncertainty. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a wonderful, positive team at St. George's and we will continue to nurture them, as we are sure you will too, to make sure they are not only esteemed colleagues but also the best educators we can have.

Last week we shared the news that Mr Musetti will not be returning to St. George's in January. He has supported the school during the Autumn term and we would also like to thank him very much for all that he has contributed to our school community. We wish him well in his future endeavours!

As we move towards the Spring term, we need to focus on the positives that we have achieved, the potential that we continue to aspire to and the journey that we are all on. Your continued and unwavering support has always made sure that our school can do the very best it can. So we thank you all, for your compassion, thankfulness and hope in order to help our school and children go and shine in the world.

Over the coming holiday period, it is very important that we follow government guidance. In last week's letter we clearly outlined the plans and requirements for the holiday period. In summary:

Your reporting of positive test results remains vital to our contact-tracing efforts.

- **If your child gets a positive COVID test result before 24.12.20, please email office@sghsprimary.co.uk with the following information (we will be checking the office mail twice a day until this time):**
- **Name of child**
 - **Did the child have symptoms or not?**
 - **What date did symptoms start?** (this can be any feeling of being unwell, not just the three COVID symptoms)
 - **Date that test swab was taken**
 - **Date child was last in school**
 - **Has anyone else been unwell with COVID in your household?**
 - **Your contact phone number in case more information is needed**

Staff at the school will be working and responding to notifications of positive cases up to six days following the end of term.

- **If your child gets symptoms or tests positive after 24.12.20, schools do not need to be informed until the first day of the new term 6.1.21. Instead, please engage with NHS Test and Trace who will be in contact with you.**

We hope you have a very restful Christmas and peaceful New Year. Here's to hoping that 2021 is more normal than 2020 and that our return to school in January is one of joy and happiness.

Ms P Slater, Deputy Headteacher and Mr GP Musetti, Headteacher

COVID UPDATE

Arrangements for Christmas reporting of positive COVID-19 test results

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation this school year as we continue to respond to the challenges of COVID-19. As the Autumn Term comes to an end, we are asking you to help us continue to keep children and families safe over the Christmas holidays.

This letter will cover:

1. School contact tracing over the holidays and what you need to do
2. What to do if your child or family member gets symptoms or tests positive over the holidays
3. Safe return in January

1. School contact tracing over the Christmas Holidays

You will know that schools have been playing a vital role in contact-tracing. If a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), we carefully review who the person has been in close contact with while at school and ask those people to self-isolate. This helps to protect the remainder of the school community, your families and the wider public. The Department for Education has said that schools must continue to support contact tracing for 6 days after the end of term. This is so that we can identify any close contacts of positive cases who were in school while infectious and where test results come back after term ends. **Your reporting of positive test results remains vital to our contact-tracing efforts. As families come together for Christmas celebrations, this will minimise the risk of spreading the virus to your potentially vulnerable relatives.**

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2. What to do if your child or family member gets symptoms or tests positive over the holidays

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

- **If anyone in your home develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get tested and must remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Please read the attached leaflet on self-isolation.**
- All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.
- The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- No one else needs to get tested unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.** Household members staying at home for 14 days helps stop the virus spreading to others in the community
- You should not have visitors to the home if anyone in the household is self-isolating

Telling the school about COVID in your household

- If your child gets symptoms or tests positive **before 24.12.20**, inform the school as set out in Section 1.
- If your child gets symptoms or tests positive **after 24.12.20** schools *do not* need to be informed until the first day of the new term (6.1.21). Instead, please engage with NHS Test and Trace who will be in contact with you.
- If anyone else in the household gets COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID during the holidays, please make sure that all household contacts isolate as set out above. Please do not send your child to school in January if they are meant to be isolating and inform the School Office.

3. Safe return in January

We look forward to welcoming children back to school for the start of Spring Term on 06.01.21 but it remains a priority that we keep the school community safe. **Please do not send your children back to school if they should be self-isolating for any reason.** Reasons that your child should be isolating include:

- Your child has symptoms of coronavirus or has tested positive and has not yet completed their 10 day self-isolation period
- A member of your child's household (e.g. mum, dad, sibling) has developed symptoms of coronavirus or tested positive and your child has not yet completed their 14 day self-isolation period
- You/your child have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace or the School because your child is the contact of someone who tested positive for coronavirus and your child has not yet completed their 14-day self-isolation period.

If your child is meant to be isolating at the start of Spring Term (6.1.21), please keep them at home and inform the school office.

Christmas Holidays

Please remember that if you are leaving the country during the Christmas holiday period, it is possible that you may need to quarantine when you return to England. Your child may not be able to return to school immediately as a result. Please check government guidance with regard to any country you may be visiting. Thank you for your help with this.

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January (INSET)

Tuesday 5th January (INSET)

Term Begins Wednesday 6th January

Half Term Holiday Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February

Term Ends Thursday 1st April

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord God,

We pray for our school,

The end of term and for our Christmas holidays.

As we look forward to Christmas,

Help us to remember that to give as well as receive,

That the more joy and love we share with others,

The more will come back to us.

Help us to receive God's gift of light and love and share it with all.

Amen

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With warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

Miss Petra Slater, Deputy Headteacher and Mr Paul Musetti, Headteacher