

Wednesday 1st December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware Covid restrictions have increased due to a new variant. You will have seen the news reports and the Prime Minister's statements over the weekend.

Currently, we have a huge number of staff isolating at Leopold Primary School due to track and trace. I am concerned that if this number continues to increase we will have to close the school if we cannot get cover from agencies.

In order to reduce the likelihood of spread and contact from track and trace, we have reduced numbers of staff in communal areas in the school. All staff, except those that are exempt, are wearing masks in shared areas and whole school events such as assemblies have been cancelled. **Please note Year 1 Ash Class assembly this Friday, is closed to parents.**

As you know we have the Christmas events taking place next week.

I am writing to give you advanced warning that we may have to stop parents attending those events. The events will still take place and be watched by senior leaders. I do understand how much of a disappointment this is, but we must keep the school community safe and the school open. You will remember all the research and reports about the negative impact school closures have been on children.

I will write to you with a decision on Friday 3rd December.

In the meantime parents must make telephone appointments to speak to staff. You may come on site to briefly drop off/collect your children, but you must adhere to social distancing and stay 2m apart from each other and staff.

The office staff can assist parents over the phone. We ask that you avoid entering the office area to safeguard the school community.

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