

Christmas Update: 18.12.20

I have been asked to provide you with the following information (let's hope you don't need it!).

Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Christmas Holidays

School will close today, December 18th.

If your child develops symptoms up to and including Sunday December 20th which result in a positive test up to 24th December, you should inform the school at l.gowland100@cestria.durham.sch.uk or n.bentham100@cestria.durham.sch.uk

Please include the following:

- name of your child
- their class
- the date that their symptoms started
- your own contact details.

From Monday 21st December

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms **from Monday 21st December onwards**, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. **You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.**

To all parents/guardians:

Every year I write a Christmas letter to thank you for your support and generous gifts given to staff. This year we owe you our thanks more than ever!

So, thank you for:

- ❖ your patience at the start when we were challenged with making changes rapidly
- ❖ your ability to adapt your working patterns to cope with childcare and home learning
- ❖ the key workers who continued in frontline roles
- ❖ reading and listening to our messages and following them to support us
- ❖ understanding that things have to be different – coming in & out of school, productions & parent consultations

I also need to need to thank the whole staff – cleaning staff, lunchtime & kitchen staff, teachers, teaching assistants and office staff. Each and everyone of them have played a vital role in keeping our school going and continuing to achieve such high standards. They have been simply brilliant.

I am proud that we have been able to work together for all our children – and the bottom line is, as always, they have been an absolute credit to us all!

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas...and let's all hope for a brighter 2021!!!

