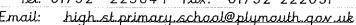


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Tuesday 15. December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

This has been an exceptional year that I am sure we will all remember for a long time to come. As a result of the support of you as parents and carers, along with the dedication of the school team, we approach Christmas together in the hope of a much brighter New Year. Whilst it is wanderful to see a vaccine for Cavid-19 being started to be administered to the most vulnerable in our community, it is important that we remain alert to the virus, which is likely to remain in the community for some considerable time. On 8. December the DfE asked all schools to consider closing a day earlier than anticipated on Thursday 17. December, to reduce the time period when schools would be required to notify any positive Covid-19 case in school. The Trust considered this carefully and decided to keep school open as planned on 18. December. This was a challenging decision, but we feel that children have already missed enough days in school this year due to the pandemic. We considered the difficulty any early closure would have presented to you as parents and carers at short notice. In addition we have considered the possibility of children missing out on a free school meal where eligible as a result of early closure.

For the first 6 days only following the end of term on 18th December (up to and including Christmas Eve), we ask you please if your child tests positive for Covid -19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school, that you notify the school by emailing the following address: cavid19@highstreet.plymouth.sch.uk

This is to ensure the school can assist the test and trace process, to help to advise others to self-isolate if required. Should your child develop Covid-19 after Christmas, please inform school during the weekend of 2^a and 3^a January, so that together we ensure that we are all ready to commence the new term on 5^a January.

Many thanks,

Steph Blake Head Teacher