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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that families will be wanting to enjoy the five days of Christmas Boris Johnson has allowed us, where restrictions are eased, meeting with wider family and friends. To put our community in the best place to take advantage of this time, ensuring some level of caution to stop coronavirus infection scuppering things, we are strongly advising that in the last week of term (week beginning Monday 14th December), families are extra careful and vigilant, pulling together even more to protect the whole community and so helping ensure families can enjoy Christmas more fully.

Accordingly, if any child or adult in the family is feeling 'under the weather' or poorly in any way, we strongly recommend that children are kept at home during this final week (14th to the 18th December, inclusive), just in case, just to be certain.

The reason we are suggesting this is that most recent positive cases in school have arisen from other symptoms (i.e. not the 'classic three' of loss of taste/smell, new continuous cough or fever), from the extended list of symptoms sent out recently. In fact we have been recently contacted by the Local Authority Public Health Department who have noted our proactivity here in getting this message out to parents (few schools have given this message). They too are noting, more and more, that people across the county, who are testing positive for coronavirus, are beginning with these additional symptoms. Hence we all need to be mindful of this on the run up to Christmas if we are to protect our nearest and dearest.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Heptinstall

