



Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Savory

As we end Term 2 ready for the Christmas holiday break, I'd like to reflect on these first two terms of this academic year. Despite the very challenging times we are still living in, the staff and pupils of this school have worked enormously hard and shown great resilience, positivity and enjoyment in all that they have done. We have had to have 3 periods of isolation since term 2 started for whole year group bubbles or most recently, just over half a year group bubble. The teaching team have been prepared to quickly support home and online learning using our Seesaw platform. I thank our families who have sent in very appreciative messages to the staff team for this. It must be recognised that the teachers have to prepare in a slightly different way for this and this can be on top of the classroom based learning that still must go on. I continue to be very thankful and proud of the strong staff team within our school setting. Understandably, as the festive period has got closer this term, there has been a lot of concern and anxiety amongst us all, staff and families, about Christmas bubbles and safety for all of our families. I do hope that everyone manages to have a safe and happy Christmas with their loved ones and the bubble groups you are hoping to have within the government guidance we are needing to follow.

Over the holidays, we will be monitoring the [online reporting](#) of any confirmed positive pupil case up until midday on 24th December and I ask that you still use this reporting system up until this point if you do end up facing this possibility. It will be turned off from midday 24/12/20 until re-activated from 4/1/21. I sincerely hope that this won't need to be used by any of you.

We have not been able to do our usual Christmas Production this year but instead, the whole school has learnt a section of the well known Christmas poem. 'Twas the Night before Christmas' and **you can hear each year group's performance** and **see a sample of their enrichment curriculum learning** that they have been doing over the last fortnight during the afternoon sessions. Y3 learnt about the American Thanksgiving celebration and learning sewing and textile skills. Y4 learnt about the story of Saint Nicholas and the traditions at Christmas in France, Italy and Germany. Y5 enjoyed learning about the Scandinavian countries' traditions and further developed their sewing knowledge and skills from when they were in Y3. The Y6 children learnt about how and why we have the Winter Solstice day and some of the ancient pagan ways that we still have today in our Christmas traditions.

Keep well and safe. Best wishes to you all this Christmas!



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Key Dates

Mon 4th Jan—INSET Day school not open to children
Tues 5th Jan—Start of Term 3
Thurs 7th Jan—Forest School for Pod 6
Mon 11th Jan—PTA General Meeting
Thurs 21st Jan—Forest School

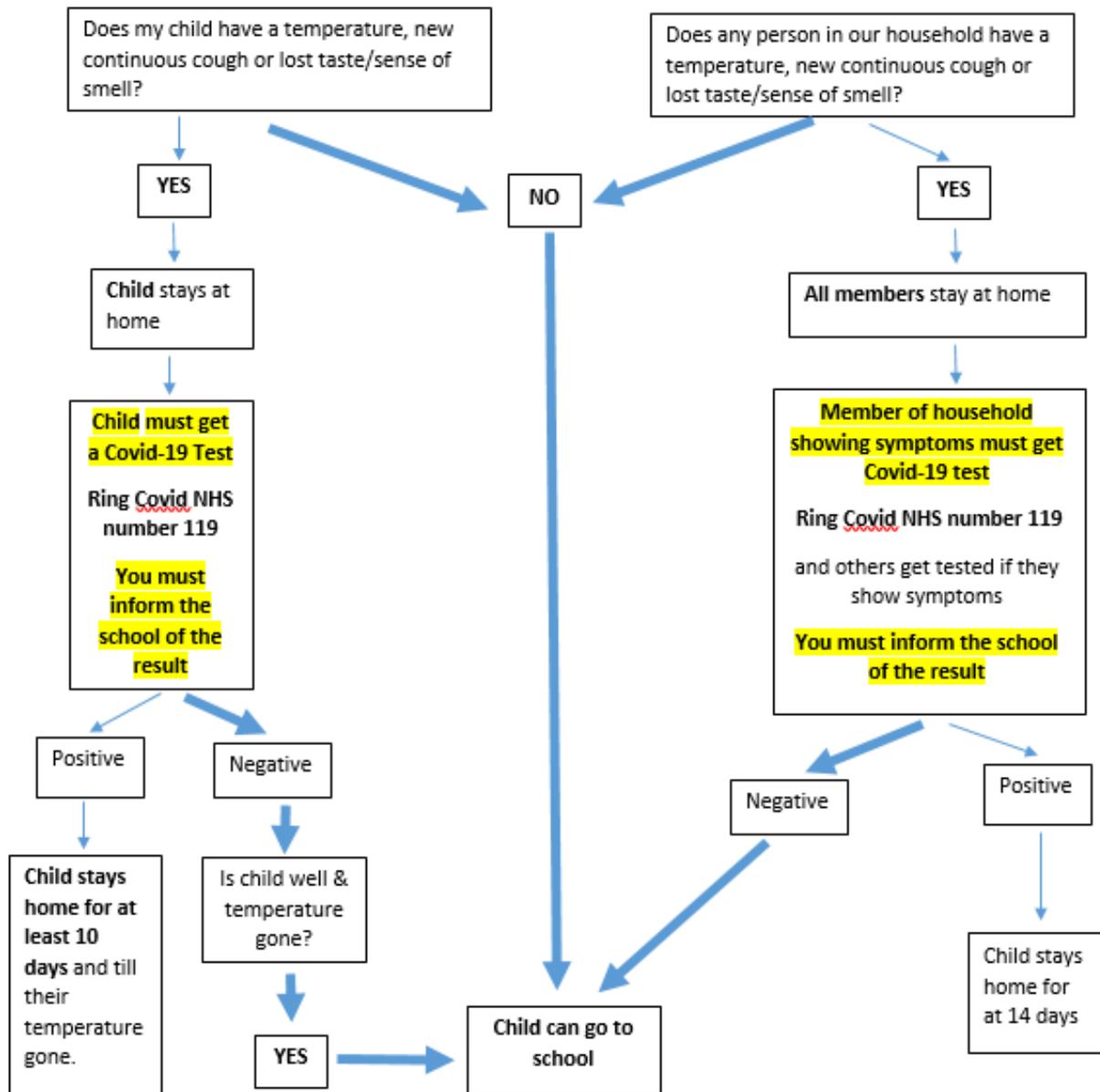
REMINDER

Please can we remind all parents/ carers that **no dogs** are to be brought onto any of the school sites and this includes if they are small enough to carry.

Unicef Page—in Pod 3A a just giving page has been set up to donate to Unicef instead of giving Christmas cards. If you would like to do the same, please follow the link below.

[Patricia's Pod 3A collection in lieu of Xmas cards](#)

Flow chart for managing COVID-19 symptoms at home



If your child shows any COVID-19 symptoms they cannot return to school without receiving a Negative test

If you are contacted by NHS Test & Trace (and your child was with you during the contact with the COVID-19 person) you and your child must self-isolate for 14 days even if either of you receive a negative test.

If your child was not with you when you had contact with the positive person, your child can attend school as long as you do not develop symptoms.