

COVID Update/End of Term



Dear Parents,

As we near the end of a difficult term I wanted to update you on our current position. Firstly, thank you for your good nature and support in helping us implement COVID measures. At the moment, we have several pupils and one member of staff self-isolating due to positive cases within their household bubbles or through community transmission. These pupils are liaising with their teachers and are receiving work to do at home.

I have been asked to clarify the position with regard to a possible positive case in a contact group as we near the Christmas holidays. A positive case in any contact group will result in that group (staff and pupils) needing to isolate for 14 days. So for instance, if there was a positive case in a contact group on Friday 11th December, that group (all pupils and staff) would have to self-isolate until Boxing Day. 'Self-isolating' means that if your child was in that group, no-one could visit your house and your child would not be able to leave the house for 14 days.

You may have read that some local Authorities are considering closing (or already have closed) their schools before December 18th. There is no plan to do this in the Vale of Glamorgan at present. I have started to get reports from staff that some of you are choosing to keep your children home in the last week of term to avoid any chance of having to self-isolate. We completely understand why you feel this is necessary and want to assure you that non-attendance will not be marked as unauthorised. Work will be made available for all pupils whether they are in school or at home. **It would help us greatly if you would inform the school if you intend to do this.**



With this in mind and in order to end the year having fun with as many of our pupils as possible, we have decided to bring forward our **party dates - for all year groups - to this Friday, December 11th**. All pupils should bring in a **'Christmas' packed lunch and wear a Christmas jumper/party outfit**. I realise this is short notice, but we feel that this is the right thing to do. Similarly, we are aware that some pupils will be returning to school next week following 14 days of isolation and will therefore miss the parties/concerts, rest assured there will be other activities to enjoy. Thank you for your understanding.

Due to the unpredictable nature of attendance next week, the Reception and Y6 concerts will now be recorded on Friday 11th for viewing on Tuesday 15th as previously arranged (link codes will be forwarded to you asap). Recordings of 'Class Carols/Christmas Songs' will also be made this week and can be viewed via the school's Facebook page from the 15th.

In the meantime, please follow the rules and let's keep our school safe.

Kindest regards,

Hayley Hodgkins and the Evenlode Team