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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term and indeed the calendar year, there is much to reflect on within our role as educators and the need to show our appreciation to the children, staff, parents and carers at Ecclesfield Primary.

From March 23rd, our school has been at the frontline, responding to many logistical challenges on a daily and weekly basis. We have all had to work collectively to adapt to a new “normal” and the children have led the way with this. They have been extremely adaptable, flexible and happy to be back at school.

The staff at Ecclesfield Primary have, in all respects, stepped up to the many challenges thrown at us. The premises staff have performed their cleaning tasks several times a day to ensure that there is a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment. The office staff have organised food hampers, food vouchers and delivered them. Mrs Lilley, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Revill have performed a range of daily medical duties including working alongside myself and Mrs Binns to support the Public Health Track and Trace work.

Many thanks to the Lunchtime Supervisors who have worked split shifts and washed many pieces of playground equipment daily between each bubble to keep the children safe. They have also kept the children entertained despite the weather.

The teachers and teaching assistants know that, at first, some of you were worried about sending the children back to school, but they have gone more than the proverbial “mile” to ensure that teaching and learning in a safe environment has continued at a pace. This has happened at school and at home when we have had to send bubbles home to isolate.

Thank you also for bearing with us whilst we improved our remote learning offer. The staff have really appreciated receiving the (very positive) feedback about the remote teaching.



Thank you to the parents who have worked with us to deal with the challenge of the last nine months. School has sent many messages, emails and videos to try and make sense of the information that was and still is being sent into school as quickly as we can. Thank you for taking the time to read and digest it all!

I know and appreciate that some of you with very little warning have had to make arrangements to keep your child at home and support their online learning.

Lastly, on behalf of all the staff, I hope that you have a happy Christmas. I am sure we are all looking forward to Spring and a time where these Covid restrictions just might start to be more relaxed.

Please read the information on the next page regarding who you should contact over the Christmas period if your child tests positive for Covid-19.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th January 2021.

J. Eagleton



Please see link from Sheffield Local Authority about having a safe Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNIS6kItJAY&authuser=0>

Contact Track and Tracing support for Sheffield Public Health over the Christmas Holidays

Schools are being asked to continue to support contact track and tracing over the Christmas Holidays by the DFE.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends (from Friday 18th December) if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, **the school should not be contacted after Sunday 20th December.**

Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Parents please use the email below. Emails will be monitored once a day during the holidays. The email address is iphone@ecclesfield-pri.sheffield.sch.uk

