

# St. Catherine's Primary School

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10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are very excited in school about Christmas! We feel like this every year but probably even more so this year given the year that has passed.

Nursery, Year 1,2,3 and 4 are all preparing little Christmas Film treats for you to get the Christmas Spirit going! We will upload these little films of our children to our website as soon as possible before Christmas and send you the links to them so that you can share in the fun with your children.

Christmas Dinner takes place on Thursday and children may wear their Christmas Jumper and casual clothes for this. Again on Friday children may wear their Christmas Jumper and casual clothes...this time bringing a voluntary donation if possible £1 , in aid of St. Vincent De Paul Charity.

I would like to thank you so much for your support since September, it has meant so much. We have strong safety support systems in school and risks are clearly measured with strict policies and procedures in place but the worry of more Bubble Closures before Christmas is still there. To be clear, if we have a Positive Covid Case in school on the last week of the term (14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> December and 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> December) it would mean self isolation for 14 days for all those deemed a close contact, potentially preventing families from meeting between the dates of 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December.

At this stage, although rumours have circulated, the Minister of Education Mr Weir, has clearly stated that schools should remain open next week. Therefore we **CANNOT CLOSE**. However I totally understand your concerns as parents about



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sending your child to school next week and many parents have shared their concerns with us. In response to this, therefore if you choose to keep your child at home from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we respectfully request that you email your child's teacher or Mrs Wilders [bwilders592@c2kni.net](mailto:bwilders592@c2kni.net) or Miss J Doherty [jdoherty742@c2kni.net](mailto:jdoherty742@c2kni.net) to let us know your choice so that we can allocate the correct attendance code for your child. As with any self isolation period, work will be available for your child via Microsoft Teams. All children (Years 1-7) have had their usernames and passwords given out before Hallowe'en. All Nursery Children have work placed on the website and details of this will be sent to you via email.

However if any parent is unsure feel free to email your child's teacher for further clarification on this. Staff emails are attached to this letter for your convenience. Staff will then be available to contact via email should you have any concerns about the activities that your child should complete or the use of Microsoft Teams.

Please do not see this as an expectation from school as every family's circumstances are very different and we understand that working parents may have no other option but to send their children to school. However should you choose to keep your child at home, all we ask is that you email us to let us know.

God bless, stay safe,

Mrs. B. Wilders

#### **Staff roles and Email addresses.**

| Staff Member          | Class / Role                                                                     | Email Address                                                        |
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