

# East.Crompton St. George's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

## **Snow Closure:**

Thank you for bearing with us yesterday when we had to close the school for health and safety reasons due to excessive snow and ice on site. As many of you will know from previous years, staff always come in extra early to try and open school as close to 8.45am as possible. Mr Semp arrived at school yesterday at 5.30am to begin this process, with other staff following closely behind. However, the main challenge yesterday was that the drive had been used by members of the community for sledging over the weekend which had caused the snow and ice to compact. This meant that the grit was having no impact. To open school, we need to ensure that an emergency vehicle can get up the drive should there be a major incident such as a fire or a child/member of staff requiring an ambulance. Whilst I understand that the school closure was inconvenient, I want to assure you that we will always place health and safety first.

## **Changes to Government Guidance to Schools re Covid 19:**

As you will be aware, following the new 'Omicron' variant of Covid 19, the Government have released new guidance. Please see the bullet points below for information that affects primary schools:

- Where a parent/carer is contacted by 'Track and Trace' to inform them that their child is a contact of someone with the Omicron variant of Covid 19, their child will need to follow isolation guidance of 10 days and are encouraged to receive a PCR test.
- Should you/your child travel abroad, on return to the UK, you/your child should isolate and book a PCR through the recommended channels.

In addition, please remember the following guidance which still stands:

- In all circumstances, should your child have any of the main symptoms of Covid 19 (persistent cough/high temperature/loss of sense of taste and/or smell) your child must isolate, and you should seek a PCR for them.
- If your child is poorly with any other symptoms, the Government continue to recommend you access a PCR test for your child. However, if well enough, they can continue to attend school whilst awaiting the results.

School are continuing with good ventilation, frequent hand sanitising/washing, maintaining as much distance between classes as possible (for example in assemblies) and following the most recent guidance, staff may wear a face covering in communal areas of school.

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**Christmas Events:**

Careful consideration is being made in relation to upcoming Christmas events.

**Christmas Markets:** Due to the challenge of managing numbers on site, I have made the decision to move our Christmas Markets from a live event to an on-line event similar to last year. In the next day or so, you will be able to view the enterprise projects pupils have made and place your orders through an order form.

**Christmas Performances:** At this point, our plan is to continue with our Christmas performances with strictly limited tickets. However, we will continue to follow guidance as and when it changes and therefore, please be aware that performances could be cancelled right up to the day. Further information regarding tickets will be sent nearer the time.

**Christmas Pantomime/Party/Dinner/Jumper Day:** All of these events should be able to go ahead as planned. Again, we will follow any new guidance as it is released with regard to classes mixing and on-site visitors.

In appreciation of your continued support.

Kind regards,



Mrs R Ross

Head Teacher