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Update letter

Dear Families,

You will now be aware that a member of our school community tested positive over the weekend which has meant that the class and children sharing the bus no have to isolate for the next 10 days. Although every case is worrying particularly at this time of year I wanted reassure you that this is the first case this half term that has impacted on pupils and staff needing to isolate. Thankfully the affected family are ok and I am sure you will join me in sending them our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. It is a stark reminder that despite a vaccine becoming available we all need to continue to take the precautions we have been taking in order to protect ourselves.

The isolation period if you have been in close contact with a positive case is now 10 days instead of 14 so please do follow these guidelines over the Christmas period. If your child does develop symptoms up to and including the 24th December please could I ask that you email the screenshot of the case to lwindle@nexusmat.org to ensure we meet all legalities concerning tracking and tracing.

It is very important that you continue to limit the contact you have over the Christmas period to ensure we all arrive back at school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. Although the Government have 'relaxed' some of the rules to help families meet over the Christmas period, please do follow the safest options that you have and do not take any risks that may impact on your family or the family of others within our school community.

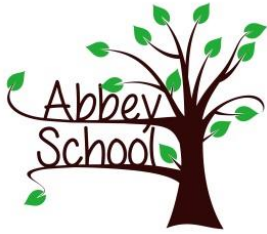
Road Update (main site)

The road is now completed and is awaiting an official sign off by the building company this should happen in January. We will use a one way track on the road whereby when entering the school you will drive along the new road and leave the school via the old road. Pedestrians will use the new road at all times as the safest route to and from school particularly as it will be lit in January. A huge thanks to the Central Trust for their relentless approach to securing the finances we needed to complete the project.

Lower School Playground (main site)

The lower school playground has offered the children a real opportunity to enjoy their breaks over the past few weeks. We can't wait to invite you to share it with us hopefully in the New Year. Could I remind you all the importance of children having appropriate footwear for school. Sturdy school shoes are the most appropriate footwear particularly when children are climbing and playing. We hope the new playground will reduce the amount of mud that children have been coming into school with and taking home. Thankyou for your patience with the muddy school uniforms we know this has been a challenge for some families however to protect your children we have tried to be outside as much as possible this term.





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Winter Wonderland

It was fantastic to see the Horizon pupils join us for Winter Wonderland. All the children enjoyed their visit and the opportunity to speak to Santa. Hopefully next year you also will be able to join in with the fun. The Christmas activities albeit spent in class teams have been wonderful this year. We really hope you enjoy your child's part in the various performances we have recorded.

Thanks

I couldn't let this opportunity go without acknowledging the support we have received from you as families. It has been a difficult time in school although the atmosphere in school has been upbeat right from the first day in September. The difficult phone calls made when we have to decide which class to send home through close contact have been made so much easier by your kind words and thoughtful actions. As a staff team we feel blessed to have the family support from you.

Can I also take the opportunity to wish you all a very safe yet Merry Christmas and a much happier and healthier 2021. I know together as a school community we will get to a happier place where we are allowed more freedoms to see each other and join in with the numerous joint activities that we have missed this year.

Thankyou once again for your relentless support, patience and care.

Mrs L Windle

Executive Headteacher

