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## Dear Parents/Carers

With Christmas racing towards us, coming out of the national lockdown and moving from Tier 1 to Tier 2, I wanted to write to you to share some of the extra precautions that we will be putting in place to protect everyone, when the five-day tier break comes into place over the Christmas period.

Like us, you have undoubtedly done the maths and realised that if at any point after the 10 December we have to isolate a year group, it would mean that you cannot have family over during that five-day break as you will have a child in isolation. This is not something we want for you or our staff, as like many of you our staff have not seen family members for a long time and are looking forward to this time.

From the 10 December the classes will no longer mix within their year groups, they will remain class based only. This will mean that in the unfortunate event we have a positive case of Covid in the school it will only affect 30 children and 2/3 teaching staff, as opposed to 90 children and numerous members of staff. This is only manageable because it is for a short period of time, this way of bubbling would not be sustainable over a longer period as it would affect learning and the normal school routines.

We are now asking that you too take extra precautions to support and keep our school community safe. Please consider avoiding visiting places such as soft play centres or other places where it is difficult to maintain social distancing or really know how clean a place is, avoid meeting up in big groups and follow the Covid rules when out and about. I appreciate that this is asking a lot from families who are keen to get out and about and provide fun activities for their children but I am also asking the same of all staff. This way, together we can ensure that after a horrendous year, we can all celebrate with our families safely and enjoy the fun of Christmas.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret

Headteacher