



Wirral Education Committee



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Dear Parent / Carer,



18/12/20

Well we made it! What an extraordinary year!

Just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the most wonderful Christmas from all the staff and myself.

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021. The first half term will finish on Thursday 11th February with an inset day on Friday 12th February for staff.

We have been so lucky not to have to close any bubbles this term, but should any of the children test positive please see below the arrangements for contact tracing over the Christmas holidays.

The pandemic seems to have bought out the best and the worst in people. Fortunately, at Riverside, we have only seen the best and we have been very lucky to receive so much kindness during this time. There are so many people we are grateful to for their generosity; this has helped make our children's Christmas such a lovely time.

The children as always have brought Christmas cheer to our school and out in the community. Both Leighton Court and Belvidere have enjoyed our 12 Days of Christmas, which you can also watch on YouTube via the link below.

<https://youtu.be/wrfCGd2wHas>

We received this email from one of the Resident's families...

Hello, Last night watching the news, as a family, we got a lovely surprise! My 86-year-old Nan was on the news, in her care home, watching your beautiful children singing to her! As a family, at this tricky time, we appreciate it more than ever. Seeing her gorgeous face full of joy and Christmas spirit waving to you children was just the happiness we needed. As a teacher myself, I appreciate all the hard work and effort, at this complex time, to get your children there and ready to perform with such confidence and excitement. Nan has since gone into hospital, but we know that she has had some Christmas cheer before she left. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts - it's left us with leaky eyes!

Finally, a HUGE thank you for the very generous Christmas present we received this morning from the 'Rebuild Riverside' campaigners. A staggering £3,400 has been raised by you, the wonderful parents of Riverside.

IT'S OFFICIAL – YOU ARE ALL FIVE STAR



I know you will all be sensible and keep yourselves and your family safe, so we can start the New Year all together.

The Grinch was born with a heart two sizes too small – but if he spent a day in Riverside, I am sure he would feel as happy as myself and the staff all do every day!

Merry Christmas, here's to a really great 2021!

Mrs Grinchy Lahive

Headteacher



Arrangements for contacting school over the Christmas holiday if you test positive for COVID-19 or are symptomatic

- School will still continue to be part of the track and trace system up to (and including) Christmas Eve.
- Technically you could still receive an email to isolate up until this time dependent on how long pupil's/staff's test takes to come back.
- Therefore, I would recommend (for everyone's benefit) that **wherever possible tests are carried out in person rather than postal**. This will ensure speedy turnaround.

School will only be impacted if people's symptoms start within 48 hours of close contact. So, as long as pupils or staff are not symptomatic before Sunday evening we should all be fine.

Therefore, as a pre-warning, email schooloffice@riverside.wirral.sch.uk if you become symptomatic on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th

No other staff or families will be contacted until we receive news of a confirmed positive test – so no news is **great** news!

Summary of Actions over Christmas Holiday	
Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th December	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If you start to show COVID-19 symptoms, please email schooloffice@riverside.wirral.sch.uk2. Email again as soon as you get the test results so that we can contact families and staff who will need to isolate if you have a positive result. <p>The school email will be checked daily between 5pm-6pm</p>
Monday 21st to Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Email if you schooloffice@riverside.wirral.sch.uk test positive for COVID-19, please make sure you include:-<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. date when your symptoms started2. date of test3. date of your test result4. what the test result was <p>The office email will be checked daily between 5pm-6pm until Christmas Eve.</p>
Christmas Day to Monday 4th January	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Email schooloffice@riverside.wirral.sch.uk to let school know if you or a household member tests positive for COVID-19. Please include the date of the test. <p>The COVID email will be checked daily again from Sunday 3rd January</p>

If staff and parents follow this guidance, we should pretty much know by Monday if anyone else is affected and needs to isolate for 10 days.