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Dear Parents,

I'm writing with regards to arrangements for the end of term, on Friday 18th December, and to procedures relating to COVID in the early part of the Christmas holidays.

Arrangements for end of term

You may have heard talk in the media about schools closing altogether and taking a training day on Friday 18th December. This was an option made available by the Department for Education to try to reduce the burden on school staff relating to track and trace during the holidays (see below). However, we have taken the decision that it is unfair to ask parents to make additional childcare arrangements at such short notice, and therefore we will be open on Friday morning as previously planned. As usual, we will close for the afternoon. If your child is unable to be picked up early and will be collected by Jesters, please notify the office.

On Friday 18th, the following collection times apply:

Class	Time	Location
Bumblebees	1:00pm	EYFS Gates
Mr. Fenn's Class (Y5/6)	1:00pm	Main Entrance
Miss Wilson's Class (Y4/5)	1:05pm	Main Entrance
Ladybirds	1:05pm	EYFS Gates
Nightingales	1:00pm	Blue Gate
Skylarks	1:05pm	Blue Gate
Owls	1:00pm	Owls' Door

Children with walk home permissions will be allowed to leave as usual, and it is assumed suitable supervision for them will be available at home unless we are informed otherwise.

Arrangements for COVID notification during holidays

As mentioned above, the DfE still want school staff to engage with the track and trace protocols for the first 6 days of the school holidays. This will be managed by Mrs. Scott (many thanks to her) and myself. A dedicated email address has been set up for this purpose: covid@leeming-raf.n-yorks.sch.uk. This email address will be monitored daily between 18th and 24th December.

From 18th December to 24th December:

If your child:

- Tests positive for COVID19, and
- Developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (i.e. before 1:30pm, Sunday 20th December)

Please email us at covid@leeming-raf.n-yorks.sch.uk stating the date of the test and the date/time that symptoms started. We will then follow PHE guidance and contact those parents whose children will need to self-isolate.

If we are notified of a positive case for a pupil or a member of staff during this period which could have been transmitted to others in school, we will follow Public Health guidance with regards to contacting relevant individuals (probably all children/staff in the class/bubble) and informing them of the need to self-isolate for the required duration. Obviously we recognise that this could impact on Christmas plans, and I

can only apologise for this, but we must all play our part in controlling the virus. I'm pleased to be able to say that, to date, we've not had a single positive case in the school, and I hope very much that this will continue for a long time.

If your child:

- Tests positive for COVID19, but
- Did NOT develop their symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (i.e. developed them after 1:30pm, Sunday 20th December)

Please liaise directly with NHS Test and Trace, as they will be co-ordinating the response, not the school. We would appreciate notification however, for information only, to covid@leeming-raf.n-yorks.sch.uk stating the date of the test and the date/time that symptoms started please. In this instance however it will be up to Test and Trace to work with you to identify close contacts who may need to self-isolate.

After 24th December: if your child is required to self-isolate, or tests positive for COVID19 you do not need to contact the school *until the first day of term*, as this will be out of the required notification period for schools. It would still be helpful to know about this, but there will be no wider isolation implications relating to school. Obviously, please do not bring your child back to school before any required period of self-isolation has ended (school policy: 14 days from date of positive test for anyone in the household / Christmas support bubble).

Finally, please can I remind all parents of the amended start and finish times, as per our last newsletter. These commence next week.

Class:	Mrs. Whitworth (Bumblebees)	Miss Baddon (Ladybirds)	Mrs. Ramsden/Roberts (Nightingales)	Mrs. Lewis (Skylarks)	Mrs. Holland (Owls)	Miss Wilson (Y4/5)	Mr. Fenn (Y5/6)
Drop-off time and place	Reception gates 8:55am	Reception gates 8:50am	Door by blue gate 8:50am	Door by blue gate 8:55am	Door by lost property 8:50am	Reception gates through playground 8:45am	Reception gates through playground 8:45am
Pick-up time and place*	Reception gates 3:10pm	Reception gates 3:05pm	Collected outside blue gate 3:05pm	Collected outside blue gate 3:15pm	Collected outside lost property door 3:05pm	Released / Collected from office door 3:10pm	Released / Collected from office door 3:10pm

* except last Friday of term!

Many thanks for your support.

With best regards,



Rob Campbell