



# VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term draws to a close, I would like to write to you to say how proud I am of all our amazing children at Vernon. They settled incredibly well back into school life this term and have continued to embrace the changes with enthusiasm. They are an absolute credit to you and to the school.

We have been enjoying some wonderful events in the lead up to Christmas, including an online Pantomime, a magic show, a special 'visitor' with delicious treats for the children and many crafts and activities to get everyone in the festive mood! I would like to say a huge thank you to one of our Governors and parents, James Chapman, who again has given up his time and expertise to film some fantastic Christmas showcases with the children. Christmas videos of the children will be uploaded onto tapestry (Reception) or Google Classroom (Years 1 to 6) by the end of this week and we hope you enjoy seeing the children enjoying their Christmas performances. Thank you to our music specialist, Mr Richardson for creating some brilliant performances with the children! I would also like to thank our wonderful PTA for their innovative fundraising this year and for their continued support of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Lloyd all the very best in her retirement. Mrs Lloyd has been our school cook for 20 years and although we are incredibly sad to see her go, we will be sure to keep in touch in the future. I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Holland has been appointed to take over the role and we look forward to continuing our strong and positive working relationship with her in school.

## **Covid-19 Cases over the Christmas holidays:**

The Government has issued specific guidelines to school regarding the Christmas holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should **not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, **if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Therefore, if your child tests positive **within the first 6 days following Friday AND developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, please notify us using our Covid email account: [covid@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:covid@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk). This account will be monitored for the first 6 days only. The Government have stated that school staff are not to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. This is to ensure that school staff have a break over the Christmas period.



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I am so incredibly grateful to the whole Vernon team who have gone above and beyond again this term, consistently showing hard work, resilience, flexibility and creativity during this time.

Once again, your support as Parents and Carers has been invaluable; thank you all the positive comments and feedback throughout what has been a difficult time. Your support and kindness to the whole team is much appreciated.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and I look forward to seeing the children back for the Spring term.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Carvell  
Headteacher



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