



Leavesden Green JMI School & Nursery

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It is nearly Christmas! Fourteen sleeps to go!

Food Parcel Donations

Thank you so much for your generosity with your food donations. We have a staggering amount of food to start distributing. Don't forget it's non-uniform day on Friday as a result of our great collections (Bear Class – you will have your non-uniform day on Thursday).



Christmas Cards

Please do not send anymore Christmas cards into school.

Christmas Jumper day

On Wednesday, we have our Christmas Dinner planned and the children can wear Christmas Jumpers.

Face Masks

Please can you make sure that if you drop a face mask on the school grounds, you pick it up and take it home. Face masks are a carrier of germs breathed directly into them and leaving them lying around poses a risk to our staff and children.

Staggered finish time for the end of term - Friday 18th December

We have an early finish at the end of term and this year we need to stagger the times. Explorer Class Normal collection time

River Class 1pm

Mountain Class 12.50pm

Lego Class 1.10pm

Diamond Class 1.20pm

Adventure Class 1pm

Discovery Class 1.20pm

Rainbow Class 1.05pm

Otter Class 1.25pm

Acorn Class 1.15pm

Rocket Class 1.25pm

Puzzle Class 1.05pm

Bear Class 1.25pm

Octopus Class 1.15pm

If you are normally invited to leave your children in class as you have a much later collected sibling, you are still able to do this. Please collect your children from their normal exit. Y6 children will **not** be allowed to walk home alone on this day and must be collected by an adult.

Christmas Gifts for Staff

Some parents have asked about giving presents to staff this year. Please do not feel obliged to buy any gifts for our staff – the gift we get is the pleasure of our jobs. Instead, a kind email or thoughtful words in a Christmas card will be gratefully received. Or perhaps instead buying a gift for staff, you could consider contributing more donations for our food parcels for the families in need in our community. However, if you feel you *must* give something, please do give **small** presents only which can be easily stored in quarantine for 72hrs. **Any gifts must be given on Monday 14th December or Tuesday 15th December and will not be accepted after this inline with our COVID Risk Assessment.**

Communication with School over Christmas

We hope you all have a safe, healthy and happy break over Christmas. However...

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the Christmas break, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

During the holidays you should contact admin@leavesden.education – this will only be monitored until Christmas Eve as after this point your child(ren) shouldn't be a close contact of anyone at the school. Please do not call the school by telephone as this will not be covered during the Christmas holidays.

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being Christmas.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not send children back to nursery or school in January if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self isolating guide at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

We will send this information out again next week as a reminder for

everyone. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lyon and the Leavesden Team