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Dear Parents

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - AMMENDMENT TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

While we have been very fortunate to date in relation to Covid infections in school, and have not had to resort to learning at home, there are concerns regarding infection rates in the run up to Christmas. Having consulted with the Department of Education, and with the consent of Rev Colvin, the Chairman of our Board of Governors, school will be finishing for Christmas from **11:30am on Friday 18th December** rather the planned closure date of Tuesday 22nd December.

This decision has been taken to provide everyone with an extra few days at home, in an attempt to minimize the risk of needing to self-isolate over the holiday period. We hope to have our end of term class events as planned between now and 18th December with a few modifications and all within our class bubbles.

The Pantomime will be streamed during the last week of term, each class will work this into their own schedule. Class party dates are all on the calendar on the website. Christmas Jumper Day – this Friday and the Class Christmas Concert items will be posted on their class pages by Monday 14th (technology permitting.)

PLEASE DO NOT SENT YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL.

If they have any covid symptoms:

- High Temperature, New / Persistent Cough, Loss of taste or smell – **Stay at home, isolate and book a test.**
<https://covid-19.hscni.net/testing>
- Inform school immediately and advise us of the result as soon as possible.
- Pupils do not return until symptoms have gone for at least 48 hours – even if the test result was negative.
- If children are isolating at the direction of the Public Health Agency, please contact the office. School work will be made available to minimize the impact on their learning during the isolation period.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOING HOME AT THE END OF TERM

School will end from 11:30am on Friday 18th December 2020. There will be no dinners served that day.

There is no bus to Shandon Park.

Staggered finishing times:	P1	11:30am	P2	11:35am,
	P3 & P3/4	11:40am,	P4 /5 & P5	11:50am,
	P6	11:55am,	P6/7 & P7	12:00pm

Families will leave at the same time as their youngest sibling.

We continue to have the wellbeing of our pupils, staff and families at the centre of this decision which was taken to try to support everyone in the lead up to Christmas. I hope that by issuing this letter now, it provides adequate time to make alternative arrangements if needed and apologies for any inconvenience caused. I really do trust everyone will have a safe, Happy Christmas. We look forward to returning for term 2 on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any of this content further.

Yours faithfully

I. McKane
Principal