



December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of a term like no other, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your continued support. We strive to do all we can to help your child experience excellent learning opportunities every day, whether in school or from home, and I am sure that this year, more than ever before, you realise how much you contribute to our successful learning culture.

Seemingly small things such as making sure your child arrives in full uniform, ensuring excellent punctuality and reinforcing good manners and respectful behaviour, all contribute to the positive relationships we strive for in school, allowing staff to focus on what matters most - educating your child.

We really don't want anyone to have to self-isolate over the Christmas period, although there is a chance that this may happen if your child is in close contact with someone who tests positive for Covid 19 during the last week of term. With this in mind, we ask for extra vigilance in making sure you do not send your child to school if you have the slightest suspicion that they may have any symptoms. If your child is working from home during the last week, they must access their schoolwork via the Microsoft Teams site.

Earlier this week, the DfE informed schools that we must be available to contact trace during the first 6 days of the holiday. You must inform us via [info@sandhillview.com](mailto:info@sandhillview.com) until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December if your child tests positive, we then have to instruct all close contacts to self-isolate. Believe me, none of our staff want to be the bearer of this news, but it is crucial that we all play our part to limit the spread of infection. You do not need to notify us if your child develops their first symptoms more than 48 hours after they have been in school.

As we enter 2021, I am confident that you will notice even more improvements in school, and I look forward to updating you every week through the Blog.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December school closes at **12.00 noon and reopens to students on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Parents of students entitled to free school meals can request a packed lunch by contacting [info@sandhillview.com](mailto:info@sandhillview.com) by 12 noon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The school office will be open until 12 noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, which is an inset day for all staff.

May I wish you and your loved ones peace, love and joy during the Christmas season, and health and happiness as we enter 2021 with optimism.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Maw  
Headteacher