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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this week's bulletin finds you all keeping safe and well. The snowfall today, together with the decorations in and around school, has certainly given a Christmas feel to the environment. Christmas cards are coming in thick and fast as well – the cards are quarantined for 72 hours before staff distribute them to the children.

I mentioned last week about the beautiful Christmas artwork completed by our year 3 children and it will be on display in the Christmas "shed" on Mapperley top from tomorrow, Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you get chance, do have a look, it is very impressive!

You may be aware that school recently received a Covid grant, awarded by the government, to help facilitate "catch up" for our children following the lost education from last academic year. We will be publishing on the school website shortly how this money will be spent; I am pleased to say that a proportion of it is going to be used for tutoring in school from the spring term onwards. Every day of the school week from January, at least 1 qualified and experienced teacher (in addition to our regular teachers) will be teaching small groups of 3 children for maths, English or both core subjects. Over the course of the next term, and hopefully summer as well, this tutoring will support a significant number of children within school. The tutoring will take place mainly during regular school hours, although there may also be some outside hours school tuition as well. It is an exciting development and will give those children involved further opportunity to make best possible progress.

Finally, please continue to inform the school immediately if any member of your household develops symptoms, receives a positive test result or is self-isolating. It is very important that any pupil who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive self isolates for 14 days. You can leave a voice message on the school's answering service at any time or email the school office – [office@westdalejuniors.co.uk](mailto:office@westdalejuniors.co.uk). Again, this can be done at any time.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Rob Slater

# Christmas Jumper Day

We are happy to be supporting Christmas jumper day this year and welcome the children to wear a Christmas jumper or non-school uniform on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, as this is also Christmas dinner day it will be a lovely festive day for the children. There is a fund set up on Ipayimpact if you would like to donate towards Save the Children for this.



# Christmas Parties



Christmas parties will be slightly different this year, due to covid restrictions we are unable to make the party food as we usually would, therefore please can you send in your child with their own small selection of party snacks and a drink for the day (to be consumed by them individually and not shared) If your child is having a packed lunch on this day please pack this separately. Parties will take place in the classroom in the afternoon and children are asked to come into school ready in their party wear in the morning, as they will be unable to change as they would usually. They may bring in a change of shoes for playtimes if necessary and a weather suitable coat.



# School Photos

We have received the proofs for the school photos and these have now been quarantined and will be sent home on Monday. The cut off date stated for orders is 13<sup>th</sup> December, however the school office have spoken to Jane Stapleton Photography to explain the quarantine situation for the proofs and they have agreed to extend this until 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Photo orders can be placed online (instructions are on the proofs) and each order will be processed on the day it is received and sent home, with Jane Stapleton generously covering the cost of postage in order to allow people to have their photographs in time for Christmas. Our school photographer is very professional and works so hard to make it fun for the children, Jane Stapleton as a company always go out of their way to provide an excellent service so we thank them for their support in making this process safe and straightforward for everyone.

# Peter Pan

Some parents have reported not being able to see the payment option for the pantomime on Ipayimpact, I have therefore added a payment in a slightly different way on the system, so please do have another look and make the payment for this when you can. Please note that year 3 and 4 will be eating their lunch in their classrooms on this day due to the hall being in use throughout the day for performances, hot meals will still be available for all year groups.

















# Tier 3 Information Sheet

## TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b>  <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

### Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
 A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste  
**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

