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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on a number of matters related to the Covid 19 arrangements:

Transport

If you currently bring your child into school and would like them to go back to using transport after Christmas, please ensure that you contact transport this week so that transport lists can be updated in preparation for January.

If you wish to continue bringing in your child yourself, you don't need to do anything at this stage.

Bubbles

We are altering our bubbles in January when we will divide into departments (Discovery, Explorers and Adventurers). This will enable us to:

- Support interventions from the Drama and Art therapists who are working with identified classes
- Support classes effectively if there are staff shortages
- Allow opportunities for two classes to be able to work together in activities such as hydrotherapy.

We make good use of virtual access for assemblies and other activities but these changes to bubbles will enable us to support our pupils in activities that rely on face-to-face contact for maximum effectiveness.

I appreciate with changes and events over Christmas there may be added anxiety around Covid 19, but we will continue to utilise all the other measures and hygiene precautions that we already have in place.

Pick up/drop off

We will be continuing our extended drop off and pick up for the Spring term to support families who want to come at quieter times of the day but also to support families who still have to collect and drop off siblings at other schools.

Meetings

From January, annual reviews and other meetings will continue to be held virtually for families by Microsoft Teams or telephone. Class teachers will contact you in advance to provide a date and time.

Covid cases during the holidays

If your family has any confirmed cases of Covid 19 in the 6 days following the end of term (up to and including Christmas Eve), please contact the school via admin@rachelmadocks.hants.sch.uk so that we can take the usual measures to inform other contacts.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding in these unusual times. I hope that you all have a safe and happy Christmas.

Regards



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Headteacher