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Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents,

This was certainly not the end of term that I had hoped for. The difficult decision to close the school and move to remote learning was a very difficult one. Thank you for supporting your child with remote learning and to the teachers for facilitating this even when many of them were themselves unwell.

With rates continuing to rise in the area and across London, please continue to follow guidelines and stay safe

As we have been closed since 8th December, from tomorrow, any positive cases within our school population will not be due to a close a close contact in school. However Public Health have asked that I continue to inform them of any of any positive Covid cases amongst staff and pupils until 23rd December. If between 18th and 23rd December your child tests positive for Covid, can you please inform me via email using this address slt2@sm-sm.co.uk. I need to know the following:

- Date symptoms started
- Date of positive test result
- If no symptoms but a positive test result, the date the test was taken

This email account will not be in use after 23rd December and is only to be used to report any positive Covid results.

Any cases after this date please phone or email the school office on 4th January when we reopen.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Supermarket food vouchers for those eligible for Free School Meals were posted to the family home on Wednesday, so you should receive these today or tomorrow.

Feast of the Epiphany - Wednesday 6th January

Epiphany, the **Feast of The Three Kings** is celebrated 12 days after **Christmas** on 6th January and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the **Three Kings**) who visited Jesus. As our Christmas festivities were curtailed we will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany by having a 'virtual pre recorded service' and a non uniform day.

Year 2 Nativity

If you need cheering up and haven't had a chance to watch the Year 2 Nativity then I highly recommend it. The children's singing, dancing and acting really lifted my spirits. They were FAB-U-LOUS! Teachers emailed the link to parents.

I look forward to seeing you safe and sound on Monday 4th January

May God bless you, your families and loved ones over the Christmas season and keep you safe and well throughout the Year of Our Lord 2021.

Rachel Mahon
Headteacher



London now at very high alert

Local cases of Covid-19 have continued to increase significantly and [London, including Tower Hamlets, is now a very high alert area](#).

The very high number of cases in London mean more people are getting unwell, more people will end up in hospital and there will be more deaths as a result of the virus.

Follow the new rules and play your part to keep our community safe, including:

- Do not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble. This includes in any private garden and most outdoor venues.
- Do not socialise in a group of more than six in some other outdoor public spaces, including outdoor spaces accessible to the public, a public garden, or a sports facility – this is called the 'rule of 6'.
- Hospitality settings, such as bars (including shisha venues), pubs, cafes and restaurants are closed – but can operate takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.
- Reduce the number of journeys you make where possible and work from home where possible.
- Places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies.
- [Find out more >](#)

Support from the council is available for people who need to self-isolate because of Covid-19

Call us on 020 7364 3030 (Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm) if you need help.



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Support to self-isolate is available

If you test positive for Covid-19, or are the contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must self-isolate by law for 10 days now. Self-isolating protects you and others and is vital in slowing the spread of the virus.

Help to self-isolate is available from the council through our dedicated support line. We can help with food and medication deliveries, as well as [helping people who are eligible claim the government's £500 self-isolation payment](#).

Those notified to self-isolate by the NHS app, and who meet the criteria are also now eligible.

[More info >](#)



Covid-19 infections are rising fast in Tower Hamlets, especially in young people

Increased testing capacity in Tower Hamlets means we are now able to offer tests for Covid-19, even if you are well (have no symptoms).

By doing this, we can see if you have Covid-19 but don't know it – helping to stop the spread of the virus – protecting you, your friends, your family, and others this Christmas.

You can get a test if you, or someone you live with, are in Year 7-13. Staff in secondary schools and colleges can get tests too.

[How to get tested >](#)