

# Aldryngton Primary School

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Weekly Update: 1<sup>st</sup> December

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you for all of your support as we navigate through another Covid outbreak at the school. Since September, we have now had 58 cases of Covid-19 in children at the school and teams have covered nearly 100 days worth of Covid related absence amongst school staff. I would like to thank the entire staff team for all of their efforts during this time. Many have stepped up and done what they can to support colleagues and the school. Staff at the school are highly committed and go above and beyond to do what they can in order to offer enrichment and extra activities. As I communicated a few weeks ago, during this pandemic, there will be times when we can do more and times when we have to do less. We will make plans, knowing that we may need to make adaptations according to the number of cases present in the school. Today, I will share with you the revised plans that we have made for Christmas in light of the current situation.

## Covid Update

Yesterday we were alerted to a positive lateral flow case in Upper School. As of 10am today we have been alerted to a further two cases in Middle School. I am in regular liaison with Wokingham and I will keep you updated with cases if any emerge over the next couple of days.

## Christmas Events/ Plans

Due to the current amount of cases at the school, we have made some adaptations to our plans to cover all eventualities. Please find a summary table of what we are planning to do:

Event/ Item	Plan
Christmas Cards	Children that bring cards in will be able to distribute at the end of a day within their classes. There will be no central post box in school this year.
Foundation Stage Nativity Performance	As cases remain high in the school, a decision has been made to record the Foundation Stage nativity and then share with parents to view online. Foundation Stage will write a separate communication with the details about how to access this.
Christmas Pantomime	Foundation Stage and Lower School to continue watching pantomime as originally planned. Middle School to watch the pantomime as a team and Upper School to complete workshops with the theatre group to limit mixing of groups.
Christmas Dinner	Continuing as planned on December 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Christmas Jumper Day	Children may wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish on the day of the Christmas dinner and on Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December. A further communication about Christmas Jumper Day will be sent by the school office. Please note that on both of these days, the rest of the school uniform will still apply.

Yours sincerely

Mark Wieder  
Headteacher

