



Sunday 1 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We welcome you all back tomorrow after the half term break.

Today, we have received confirmation that a member of staff tested positive for covid-19 at the end of the half term holiday. They began to exhibit symptoms on Friday 30 October, and due to the half term break had not been in school since Friday 23 October.

We have been working very closely with the Department for Education's Public Health England team to identify anyone who has been in direct close contact. As no child was in contact in the 48 hours preceding the first signs of symptoms, I am pleased to be able to say that the Department for Education's Public Health England have assured us that there is no risk of any transmission to children at Durley Primary School and that '**no further action is required**'.

We continue to be guided by the Department for Education and be aware of all updates regarding keeping our staff, parents and children safe in school through the measures we have taken for social distancing, hand washing and cleaning, and we are extremely grateful for your continued support.

We have been continuing to improve our drop off and collection arrangements at the start and end of the school day and are extremely grateful to Mr Reeves for putting in additional gates at our picket fencing to enable parents to safely overtake. The 'kiss and go' pupil entrance is for children at Key Stage 2 or Key Stage 2 pupils with a Key Stage 1 sibling only. Please could you ensure that any friends or relatives that are doing the drop off or collection are aware of the rules.

### Children in Need



This year we thought we would do something a little different to our line of pennies for Children in Need. We have set up a children in Need Just Giving page. If you would like to donate to the charity click on the link and rather than putting in your name, put the colour of your child's class. The class that has collected the most money for the charity will win a prize of a class Children in Need Pudsey Bear and a special class treat.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/durley-primary-school>

### Shoe Boxes

A reminder that Bishops Waltham Rotary Christmas Shoe Boxes are to be collected on the morning of Tuesday 3 November. We are very grateful to those of you who have already sent them into school via your child's class. I know the boxes will be very welcome gifts this Christmas.



**Service of Remembrance**

Sadly this year we will not be able to be joined by parents and visitors for our very special Remembrance service in school. We will still be going ahead with the service in our school Memorial Garden which is opposite the school building on 11 November at 11:00am. We hope you will be able to join us in thought for the brave servicemen who lost their lives in the first and second world wars and continue to keep our country safe.

Finally our thoughts are turning to Christmas events, and I look forward to updating you over the coming week as we finalise our festivities. Although you will not be able to join us in school, we are setting up all sorts of ways in which we will be able to share our special Christmas moments with you.

Kind regards

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Headteacher