



Tuesday 29 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all managed to enjoy the Christmas break and family time despite the new limitations of Tier 4! We are keeping a close eye on the news updates from the Government but are fully expecting to be back in school on **Monday 4 January 2021**.

Over the past few days with the weather getting colder, I would like to remind you of our procedure for communicating a school closure due to **snow**. If we should get a snow fall making it impossible to open the school, we will inform you by email and text as well as putting it on the Hampshire school closure website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures/>. It is always helpful if you can inform your friends in case they did not pick up the message from us.

I would like to remind you of the importance of signing up to **Google Classrooms** for each of your children. We sent you the Login and password before the end of term and presently we only have eighty of our 130 pupils signed up to the platform. Please contact us by email adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk if you would like us to re-send the password or if you are having any difficulties with logging in.

The children and staff worked exceptionally hard throughout the Autumn term to enable your children to 'catch-up' with missed learning from the Summer term. It is vitally important that your children have the opportunity to continue their learning whether they are in school or at home, and Google Classrooms has a greater capacity for your child's class teacher to be able to send and personally respond to children's work whether the school is in lockdown or your family are having to self-isolate.

We all recognise that there is no substitute for face to face classroom teaching and learning in a school setting however, we need to ensure that we minimise the interruption to children's learning whether it takes place in school or at home by using the best resources available to us.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2021 and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Kirstie Baines
Headteacher

