

BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 UPDATE

What an amazing Autumn term we have had despite the challenges COVID-19 has continued to present. Our Christmas newsletter, which you will receive on Friday, is testament to the fabulous teaching and learning in our school. I am so very proud of our wonderful staff and children who all have the Bourne Elsea Park WOW factor.

Our Abbey Academies Trust Senior Leadership Team has continued to meet regularly to review our COVID-19 arrangements. Although we don't agree with all the decisions the Government have made since we returned to school in September, we have endeavoured to keep everyone as safe as possible. The Senior Leadership Team will be in contact with each other during the Christmas holiday keeping a(turkey)breast of any DfE notifications or any Government announcements. Of course, we hope we will all return as planned on Tuesday 4th January 2022. If this changes we will advise parents and carers of arrangements via our three preferred methods of communication - ParentMail, the school Facebook page and the school website.

We now have four days to keep safe in our school family and we must remember that our aim is for us all to enjoy Christmas at home with family and friends, not having to self-isolate or worse still, be poorly with COVID-19. I have recommended that we remain in our class bubbles as much as possible this week, keeping contact to an absolute minimum. We are still remembering the usual COVID precautions such as not congregating in communal areas, ventilation, hand washing etc. We continue to update our 'live' COVID-19 risk assessment and this includes arrangements for the pantomime this week.

I am aware, after speaking with several parents and carers, that many of you are apprehensive about bringing your children to school this week. I would like to reassure you all that I am keeping everyone as safe as I can and that the DfE, only last week, sent an email reminding us that attendance is mandatory even during their Plan B. As ever, I have tried to take a kind approach to your concerns. It is important to understand differing points of view as we continue to navigate through these challenging Coronavirus times.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued understanding and support. Let's honk together for the rest of this week and I wish you all a safe Christmas full of peace, love and kindness.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Moore
Executive Headteacher