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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re. Happy Christmas (17th December 2020)

As we reach the end of the autumn term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and best wishes we have received during this challenging year.

Never before have families been relied on so much to support learning during the periods of forced lockdown and self-isolation. As any parent will know, encouraging home learning is not always easy and supporting children, especially with secondary level content, requires structure and patience beyond any kind of normal expectations. I would like to thank you for all of your efforts.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge how amazing the pupils of the school have been throughout this entire period. We were delighted to welcome all our pupils back in September but were apprehensive about what kind of impact the first lockdown would have had on their ability to cope, to focus and to learn. While some have required more support than others, my general observation has been a reminder of just how resilient and adaptable young people are. Their enthusiasm and positivity has provided a welcome antidote to the cynicism and negativity of the adult world. Working with young people is always a pleasure, and for many of us, that has been reinforced over recent weeks.

I am very aware that cases in the school have risen over the last two weeks in-line with the spike in positive cases across the area. This has caused significant disruption to the numbers on site with pupils self-isolating and others being kept off school as a precaution.

Please can I remind you that the school must be informed of a positive case until 23rd December 2020. Please contact the school via this email address admin@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk which will be monitored daily at 09:00 and 16:00. We will inform any close contacts as quickly as we can.

As I write this, the government are making announcements about Covid testing in schools and possible staggered starts in January. I will endeavour to keep you informed of any significant developments over the coming days.

I hope all our families have a healthy, happy and restful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing everybody in 2021. The school has created a "Merry Christmas" video that can be viewed [here](#).

Best wishes

Mr Jeremy Scott
Headteacher