



17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of term, I would like to say a BIG thank you for all your support since March.

In keeping with the Government's guidance, we have been continuing to work hard to provide our children with opportunities for learning and to keep our school community safe. Unfortunately this has sometimes meant disruption at short notice to the organisation of the school day and its activities. This can be because self-isolation is necessary, or we must make alternative arrangements to reduce risks. **It remains vitally important that you maintain social distancing and wear a face covering when unable to socially distance. These simple measures, together with regular handwashing, remain the best way for us all to keep safe.**

When schools need to deal with a positive case, there is a very clear process they must follow. We work closely with Warwickshire County Council's education and public health teams and act on the advice we receive. We want you to be assured that the actions we are taking are necessary and specific to our school setting. I would like to thank our staff for doing a truly remarkable job to keep staff and children safe and well, and to maintain a focus upon providing a high quality of education that will have an impact far beyond the current tough times we are living through.

We want to maintain our positive relationships with parents and carers and know that it can be difficult to get in touch with us because we need to keep visitors on site to a minimum, but please contact us by email or telephone so that we can work together to support our children through the pandemic.

Please ensure that you email school (admin@woodside.heartwoodmat.co.uk) if your child either develops any Covid symptoms, or has a positive test up until midnight on Sunday 20th December. As a school we still have a responsibility to identify close contacts up to this point

I wish you a very happy Christmas and hope that 2021 heralds a year when we can, with the aid of the vaccine, begin to phase out many of the Covid restrictions imposed and over the coming year, return to some normality. Thank you once again for your support through these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher