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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been brought to my attention that a small group of parents have expressed their disappointment in the school's decision to ask children to bring one Christmas card to be shared within their class bubble rather than exchange cards throughout school.

This decision may differ to those taken by some other schools, although is in line with many others. Decisions such as this are very much based upon a school's own circumstances, as the challenges each school is facing at this current time is dependent on a number of locality based factors.

As a school we cannot be sure to eradicate all risk of Covid -19, however we do have a duty to try to minimise risks with processes that we carry out in school.

This particular decision was taken in order to prevent the sharing of items from different households through school and between onward households, especially in light of concerns brought to our attention in regards to the closing of a local postal centre, who themselves had been handling mail from a range of households.

It has been asked why 'other' items are allowed to be sent home, such as sweets for birthdays within bubbles (which are accepted in one sealed bag and distributed by the class teacher), and the recent advent calendars which were donated as a kind gesture for our children (which were quarantined prior to distribution). Current restrictions in place, along with our operational risk assessment denote that we reduce handling and distribution of items wherever possible. The decision not to distribute Christmas cards within school has therefore been made on consideration of these factors.

Please be reassured that the staff in school are working tirelessly to provide the children with a number of their usual Christmas activities and experiences and our aim has always (and continues) to be to ensure that events carry on as normal as they can for our children.

These include:

- Taking our Christmas performances online to allow these to be shared with our parents and carers
- Arranging an online pantomime for our pupils to enjoy and
- Securing a message from the 'man in red' virtually for our pupils (along with a gift)

I, along with our staff and Governing body are very proud that to date we have not had to close any of our 'bubbles' for the entirety of the autumn term this far. This is attributed to the ongoing vigilance and co-operation of staff and parents. We hope that this will continue into the spring and summer terms.

We would like to thank all of those parents and carers who continue to support the school in a positive way, your kind words have meant a lot to our staff, particularly during this time.

Thank you for your continued support

Sarah Gordon – Executive Headteacher



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Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss S Gordon - Deputy DSL: Miss L Kilkenny - Safeguarding Governor: Mr A Emms.

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Copies of the Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be obtained from the school office free of charge or downloaded from the website.