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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Merry Christmas!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this term, which has seen some tricky times. We had all hoped that by now, COVID would have been a thing of the past, however, we are still learning to live with the evolving pandemic.

The current guidance is that any close contact of any vairant should get a PCR test and take daily Lateral Flow Tests for 7 days. I understand that there is some supply issues with Lateral Flow Tests, so it may be wise to consider this, especially for families where they will need to test around their child.

I would like to thank you for your understanding when we have not been able to fully open school; as I am sure you appreciate when we do not have enough staff it can mean that it is not safe to open. Your support in being vigilent, to the main symptoms and additional symptoms of COVID and keeping your child at home to test, means that we can help to stop the spread and keep staff in school.

Thank you to all who have returned the parental questionnaire, the results were overwhelmingly positive and reflect the provision of Springfield. All statements on the questionnaire were answered agree or strongly agree. We are always looking for ways to improve our offer and take into account the views of families, so if you would ever like to discuss any aspect of school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition we have been working on the vision statement for the future of Springfield and I am proud to announce that after consultation, the vision is...

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In the New Year we will begin to look at the values that underpin this and look forward to working with you on this.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy the holidays with families and loved ones. Christmas can be a hard time of year and would like to add that The Samaritans have a 24/7 free helpline (116 123) and a 24 hour email – jo@samaritans.org if you are in need of someone to talk to.

Yours faithfully

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