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Dear parents and carers

We have come to the end of another term - as usual, one full of delights and challenges! In total, we have had 60 staff and children test positive over the term and as I am sure you are aware, the situation has taken up a great deal of staff time to manage, both during the week and at the weekend. I am so very grateful that we have such a wonderful staff team.

I would also like to thank parents for your continued support and understanding when children are sent home due to being a positive contact, or because they are showing symptoms related to Covid. Your patience and vigilance in carrying out LFD testing continue to be a great support for school staff.

I do hope you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas break with your families and wish you the very best for the year ahead.

Zoe Cannon

Christmas Holidays

The final day for children will be Monday 20th of December. The 21st and 22nd are INSET days in school. The 23rd has been designated the replacement day for Derby City schools for the Jubilee Bank Holiday next year which falls in one of our school holidays.

Christmas cards will be given out on the last day of term.

Christmas Performance

We have had a great dress rehearsal today when the rest of the school watched via Zoom in their classrooms.

Performances for parents are on Thursday and Friday at 9.30am and will last about one hour. The links are attached to this email. We politely request that this is not recorded in any way. You may get better sound quality if you listen with head phones, or use an additional speaker.

Christmas Parties

These will take place in classrooms on Monday, 20th December in the afternoon. Staff will be working hard to give children a lovely time, whilst ensuring that we minimise the risk from mixing as much as possible.

Children can come in party clothes for the day. However, please remember that they need to be warm, as they will still be playing outside, and that they may get muddy or wet during playtimes.

Keeping Safe and Well

Individuals will need a test if they have any of the following:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

However, the symptoms of the delta variant are more likely to be:

- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Headache

If you have been a **close contact of a positive case**, you will to use LFD tests every morning for 7 days. You do not need to isolate. If an LFD is positive, you should then book a PCR test. The fastest way to get tested is to go to a testing site. Individuals will need a pre-booked appointment or they will not be given a test. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please inform us of any child going for a test, or a test result by emailing the safeguarding team (Mrs Cannon, Mrs Morris, Mrs Merriman, Mrs Wright (formally Miss Roe) and Miss Hayford) at the following email address.

safeguarding@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk

Communication

For general enquiries, please email Mrs Lord, our office manager.

officemanager@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk - Breakfast and After School Club bookings, all payments, residential visits, attendance and general enquiries.

head@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk - serious concerns or positive feedback

senco@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk - Special Educational Needs

pastoralsupport@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk - emotional and behavioural support, support for parents

chairofgovernors@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk - communicate directly with the Chair of Governors, Jill Wilkinson.

safeguarding@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk - all Covid19 updates and any safeguarding concerns.

Year3@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk - to contact year 3 teachers (just change the digit for other year groups)

Christmas

Wed December	15 th	9.15am	Production dress rehearsal - one class at a time in the hall
Thurs December	16 th	9.30am	Live streamed performance for parents.
		11.45am	Christmas dinner and Jumper day. Donations will go to the Padley fund.
		3.00pm	Christingle in hall for year 3 and 4
Friday December	17 th	9.30am	Live streamed performance for parents
Monday December	20 th	10.40am	Carol service - streamed to classrooms
		1.30am	Christmas parties in classrooms

Internet Safety

Children will no doubt be spending time on various devices over Christmas. Please see the quick reads attached which can really support parents in keeping children safe. It's important to remember, that although the internet is a great tool, it can also pose the **biggest threat to your child's safety** in a variety of ways. The better your knowledge, the better you can protect your child.

Parent View

Thank you so much if you have already been online and completed this questionnaire. If you haven't had time yet, we would be so grateful if you would!! 😊

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

A message from our Chair of Governors, Jill Wilkinson

Dear parents and carers

We are delighted to announce that Laura McCaul will be joining us as a Parent Governor but we still do have a vacancy for another Parent and Community Governor so if you are interested please contact the school.

We met for our Autumn 2 Governors meeting on Tuesday 7 December to which we received a presentation from Mrs Hayford on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). We also reviewed the statutory documents related to SEND.

We reviewed summary responses from recent staff and parent surveys and as well receiving a report from the School Council. We also reviewed progress against the school's priorities and Governors were invited to attend the Trust's Standards Meeting at which the Headteacher's report was discussed in great detail.

It is with deep sadness that we were also informed of the death of Jon Fordham, Headteacher at Allenton Community Primary School, following a short battle with cancer. His wife, Helen, is a Governor of our school and I am sure you will all join me in sending Helen our sincerest condolences.

We are all still living with Covid and as measures begin to tighten again please be assured we are doing all we can to protect our children, staff and community. Please stay safe and well and I hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy the festivities over the holiday period.

Best Wishes

Jill Wilkinson

Mid-day Supervisor

We are currently looking for both a permanent and relief mid-day supervisor to work 11.45am - 1.20pm daily. If you are interested, please get in contact with Melanie Albutt on 512373 or admin@ravensdale.j.derby.sch.uk.

Interested in Teaching?

Transform are delighted to announce that they are hosting a **Transform Trust Teacher Training** event on **Thursday, 27th January** at **Sneinton St Stephen's CofE Primary School, 4 - 5pm.**

This event is an opportunity for people that are interested in training to teach to find out more about Transform Trust and how we work with Inspiring Leaders to provide Outstanding Primary teacher training across Nottingham City and Derby City.

Further information is attached to this email.

Falling Fire Surrounds

Not a happy topic, but several children have been killed by falling fire surrounds that have not been properly attached. Please see the attachment for further information.

Access to school

We apologise that the steps down to the playground are still out of action. It has proven very difficult to persuade companies to quote on smaller pieces of work in school, but we do believe that we now have a plan in place.

Sad News

We were extremely sad to learn of the death of another Transform Head Teacher after a short illness. Jon Fordham, head at Allenton Community Primary school, died on Friday 10th of December. He leaves behind a wife and young family.

The Transform Executive Team have been providing extensive support for both the school and his family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

NSET Days for Ravensdale Junior School 2021-2022

Friday 17th September 2021
Tuesday and Wednesday 21st & 22nd December 2021
Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday Thursday 23rd December
Monday 28th February 2022
Friday 24th June 2022

Please note that the above INSET days are not on the calendar below and should be considered separately.

RAVENSDALE JUNIOR SCHOOL DERBY CITY HOLIDAY DATES 2021 – 2023

As confirmed by Derby City Council

	School closes	Re-opens on
Christmas	Thursday 23 rd December 2021	Monday 10 th January 2022
Mid-term	Friday 18 th February 2022	Monday 28 th February 2022
Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022
Mid-term	Friday 27 th May 2022	Monday 6 th June 2022
Summer	Friday 22 nd July 2022	Thursday 1 st September 2022
Mid-term	Friday 21 st October 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022
Christmas	Thursday 22 nd December 2022	Monday 9 th January 2023
Mid-term	Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 27 th February 2023
Easter	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
Mid-term	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023
Summer	Friday 21 st July 2023	Monday 4 th September 2023

