



# RICHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **PARENTAL UPDATE LETTER 17-12-21**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to believe that we are so close to Christmas. This term has flown by despite the challenges we are facing with COVID-19 and its new variant. As previously notified, school finishes on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12 noon.

I know that many parents are concerned about the possible transmission of COVID-19 with Christmas Day being so close and may decide to keep their child at home on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> as a precautionary measure. I fully understand such concerns, but as DE have stated via the media, schools are to remain open as normal.

However, I would urge parents not to send their child to school if they are showing any COVID-19 symptoms and notify the school accordingly. This will hopefully ensure that the whole school community is enabled to celebrate Christmas with their entire family.

### ❖ **Virtual Open Night**

- Open Night video is available to view on the school website, App and Facebook page
- Should any prospective P1 parents (who do not have siblings already attending the school) wish to visit the school, they are welcome to contact the school and make an appointment early in January.

### ❖ **Admission to P1 September 2022**

- If your child is due to start Primary School in September 2022 please contact school via email or telephone and leave your child's name and date of birth. The application procedure is online at [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions) and opens on 10th January 2022 at 12noon and closes 28th January at 12 noon. Further information is available by contacting our school or through the EA website.

### ❖ **Class Party Day**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be class party day.
- This is a non-uniform day for all pupils.



❖ **School will close for Christmas at 12 noon on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

- **There will be no school dinners served on 21<sup>st</sup> December**
- **School bus will leave at 12 noon**
- **This is also a non-uniform day**
- **School is closed from Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan inclusive**
- **School will recommence on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at the normal start time**

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank all parents and guardians for their continued support and cooperation and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep Safe!

Yours sincerely,

M. Hall (Principal)