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## RE: Covid-19 Update – Winter Celebrations

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Usually at this time of year, I write to you outlining all the exciting festive events that are due to take place throughout December that your children and the community can get involved in. Sadly, due to the current restrictions in place, it will not be possible to hold such events this year. I very much hope that this year is a one off, and next year we can go back to enjoying the performances, concerts and craft sessions to celebrate this time of year. I know that the teachers are already thinking about how they can still plan some exciting activities for children in school to celebrate this time of year.

Many parents on the gate have approached me to ask about the school's position in accepting cards and gifts for children and staff. In this letter, I intend to provide the rules in line with the restrictions that we have in place. There are two possible options for you to consider:

1. If you wish to bring in cards and/ or gifts for any children or staff, the deadline for bringing these into school is: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Any items brought into school after this date will unfortunately not be accepted. This will allow enough time to quarantine all items in classrooms, and hand them out on the last day of term. Please also note that we are not permitted to give any items out that may contain nuts. Therefore, I suggest that no food items are brought into school to avoid the disappointment in having them refused.
2. The school will be providing an alternative to giving physical cards/ gifts. Throughout the month of December, it will be possible to make a donation to your child's class via Parent Pay. In January, your child's class teacher will be able to take the total for their class and buy the class a present that can be used in school to support activities within the classroom or during playtimes and lunchtimes.

I would like to make it clear to all families that it is not an expectation to provide any cards/ and or gifts to any member of the school community. As teachers or adults who work in school, we very much appreciate the job we do and the difference it makes to your children's future. However, in the eventuality that you were intending on providing cards and/or gifts to children or staff, it was important that we do this safely and in line with current restrictions.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Assig  
Headteacher

