

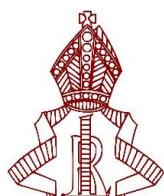
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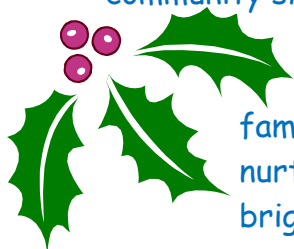


Dear Parents and Carers,



As we reach this final newsletter of 2020, it is a good time to pause and take stock of what a year it has been. In the space of 12 months, this wonderful school, the staff and families have all been through so much! No-one can underestimate the impact of possible closure on a school, yet throughout all of that time, parents, staff, the I.E.B and children kept on 'pushing through' to make sure that our children had the very best experience of school.

Almost unbelievably, Covid then hit and, for a while, forced us to close to all but our keyworker families. Thankfully, due to our small size, we were one of the only schools to open fully in the last part of the summer term. Throughout all of this, the resilience, determination of the whole school community shone through.



Now, a year down the line, we find ourselves as part of a larger family, with the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership, with all the nurture and opportunities this is bringing. The school has a very bright future ahead under their care, I am sure.



Tomorrow is my final day as Headteacher at Rumboldswyke and I have so many mixed feelings. Rumboldswyke really is a very special school community and one which will always hold a very special place in my heart. The children and the staff here are simply the best and I will miss them all hugely. I am also delighted for the school though, as I know that Mrs Harris will become a much-loved member of the Rumboldswyke family.

Thank you for all the many ways in which you have supported the school and me as well. I will never forget what you have all done for your school. On behalf of all of the staff and children, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very special, happy and healthy Christmas.



With my sincere thanks,

Debbie Allen



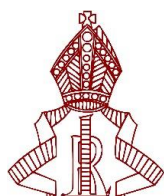
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The following information is from the Department for Education, regarding school holiday arrangements. Please note that all contact to school regarding Covid during the Christmas break should be made via email to [head@rumboldswyke.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@rumboldswyke.w-sussex.sch.uk). Please keep this information handy, in case you need it. Thank you.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December. Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

We hope this information helps to clarify what steps we all need to take once we reach the end of term. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the school office.

Merry  
Christmas  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR