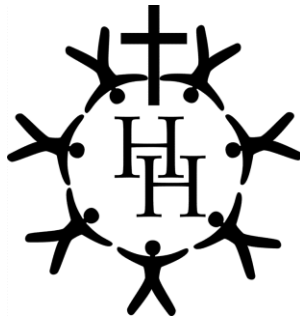


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# News Sheet

Discussion topic: "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" – Bob Hope

18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

## Covid update

We have had one confirmed case in school this morning who was last in school on Tuesday and tested on Wednesday which has enforced a period of self isolation for one pod.

From the 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 27<sup>th</sup> December, rules change slightly and can be found [here](#). You may form a Christmas bubble of up to 3 households during these dates only. The bubble must stay the same and once you have formed this, you must not change the 3 households.

Make sure you distance from others not in your households and that hands and touch points are cleaned regularly and that you let as much fresh air in during any visits and afterwards.

Importantly, if a member of your Christmas bubble tests positive for coronavirus or develops coronavirus symptoms between the 23 and 27 December, or up to 48 hours after, members of the bubble last met, all members of the bubble must self-isolate for 10 days as if they were members of the same household.

Whilst the majority of us will be glad to see the back of 2020, we must not forget that the stroke of midnight will not make the virus disappear and we need to maintain our resilience and perseverance well into the new year.

Like many of you, I too would love a 'normal' Christmas however I encourage all our school community to be responsible and have a very merry, safe and peaceful Christmas.

**Our Christmas Performance** recording is too large to email so we have had to upload it. Please follow the link [here](#) to access it. We hope you enjoy! Merry Christmas from us all!

## Contact over the Christmas period

Should any child receive a positive test result for Covid-19 between now and the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, they should email myself as a matter of urgency on [head.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:head.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk).

In this case, I will then take advice as to whether everyone within that class bubble will need to self isolate despite this being over the Christmas and New Year period.

Between the dates of 24<sup>th</sup> December until school reopens on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, this email address will not be manned and any emails will not receive a response.

## INSET day – 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

School is closed for staff training on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

Teaching colleagues will be taking part in remote training and will access this from home in line with current national guidance. Should you need to make contact on this day, please email the school office on [office.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk).

School will reopen for children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Huge thanks to all the HH team for their mammoth efforts over the past term. It has easily been the most challenging term of my career but their hard work, optimism and will to put the children first in these difficult times have been an inspiration!

"Let all that you do be done in love"