



### Christmas Holidays

As we break up for Christmas, in what has been the longest and hardest year ever for staff, children, parents and guardians, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the whole of our school community for their support and understanding in these difficult times.

Staff have worked extremely hard to support children's learning both in school and at home. We have all been faced with adapting to new technology and working online a lot more. The Nativities were such hard work for all involved but were so lovely to see the children preparing for Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus.

The children have been amazing. They have come into a school with new rules, routines, being taught by staff wearing strange PPE and have taken everything in their stride. They've been working hard in school and at home and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Our parents and guardians have been supportive, patient and understanding especially when things have changed at breakneck speed, with little warning. I am also very grateful for the support when children or family members have shown symptoms of COVID. We have had large numbers of children and parents seeking tests and isolating in order to protect our whole school community, for which I can't thank you enough. This has undoubtedly had a major impact on keeping our school community safe.

Our Academy Council have been fantastic supporting me when things have been dropped on schools by the Government at the last minute and have been insistent that all safeguards and risk assessments were in place for the safety of our community.

School has been a very hardworking but happy place to be since September. Our children and staff have really enjoyed that most of the Christmas traditions have been able to take place, even if from a distance or online.

I would like to thank you all, on behalf of the staff, for the kind gifts, cards and kind words which many of you have shared with us. We hope that you are all able to enjoy a safe, happy and healthy Christmas, hopefully with a small group of your family members. We are hoping and praying that 2021 is better than 2020. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year.

### Seaton Crew

If your child requires breakfast club the first week back then the deadline is midnight on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December. The deadline for Afterschool bookings is midnight on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Please note the sessions for the whole of the week will have to be booked before the cut-off and we will no longer be able to take any late bookings. Payment is made at the time of the booking via ParentPay and will be non-refundable. The only exception to this booking system is if your Childcare is paid directly to school via an online Childcare Voucher Scheme. ParentPay cannot be used to book sessions which are being paid for via a childcare voucher scheme instead please use the appropriate booking form and email it to school for the attention of the Childcare Manager to book. For the first week back after the holidays, week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Breakfast booking slips should have already been received and after school booking slips should be received no later than 9 am on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### School Meals

You should have by now let the school office know if your child is wanting to change their meal patterns for the new term in order for us to make the necessary adjustments. School meals are £2.05 a day and are payable through ParentPay.

### Merry Christmas

Thank you to all our families for your continuing support across the autumn term. Our staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



### Covid – Contingency Plan

These plans will be activated if any child or staff member tests positive for COVID within the first 48 hours of us breaking up today, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If this happens unfortunately all close contacts will have to isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the positive case. We will only need to do this for the first 48 hours after closing for the Christmas holidays, as Public Health ask positive cases to track back close contacts for 48 hours from the start of their symptoms or the date of their test (where no symptoms are present).

From Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, all staff are on annual leave and therefore we will be unable to pick up any answerphone messages, emails or Twitter messages regarding COVID. Our only point of contact which will be monitored, by the Headteacher, until midnight on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec is our COVID email: covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

If your child develops any COVID symptoms on either of these days

1. Inform school that your child has symptoms via [covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk](mailto:covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk)
2. Take your child for a test (ensuring the household isolates until the result is received)
3. Inform school of the test result via [covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk](mailto:covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk)
4. If your child returns a positive result school will track and trace all close contacts of your child and ask them to isolate for 10 days from their last contact with your child. This will be in the form of a text message and a back-up email.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December

If your child develops any COVID symptoms from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December onwards -

1. Take your child for a test
2. Having developed symptoms 48 hours since last being in school, the school **should not** be contacted. Parents and guardians should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace

**\*As Monday 21<sup>st</sup> is more than 48 hours after our children and staff will have last been in close contact, within school, this will only affect your household, support bubble or any out of school contacts whom you have been in close contact with since Saturday morning onwards.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RETURN TO SCHOOL

If your child is unable to return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January due to being required to self-isolate please leave a message on the school answer phone on the Morning of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and email the [covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk](mailto:covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk) with a copy of the isolation request. Our COVID contact remains [covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk](mailto:covid@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk)

### Holy Trinity Church Christingle

This year, Holy Trinity Church are organising a 'socially distanced click-and-collect Christingle walk-through' and slots are filling up rapidly!

Tickets can be booked via the following link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/holy-trinity-church-seaton-carew/christingle-2020-holy-trinity-church-seaton-carew/e-vbylkd>. Information can also be found

on the 'Holy Trinity Church, Seaton Carew' Facebook page. All visitors must have a ticket, which are free of charge, and you can then select the number of Christingle's you will be collecting which are £3 each.

This allows us to eliminate the use of single-use plastic collection candles. Larger donations to the Children's Society can, of course, be made on the night. All Christingles **MUST** be pre-ordered to ensure that there are enough for everyone. Please ensure that you adhere to all current guidelines regarding social distancing when booking your tickets; ensuring that you visit as ONE household (max 6 persons inc children) Entry times will be spaced 10 minutes apart, and will have a limited number of tickets available to ensure that there are no more than 30 people in the church building at any one time. Face coverings must be worn at all times in the church building (excluding children under 11 years old), and at least one person from each party should 'check in' using the NHS QR code displayed.