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Dear Parents/Carers

We have all had a tough week with 4 classes now having to isolate, over a 100 children off school and over 50% of the staff affected as well. This is not the situation we wanted as we come towards the Christmas break and we are desperate not to have any more closures as it would affect us all having a safe family Christmas.

Even with changes to isolation times that come into effect next week, if a bubble is sent home from next Tuesday onwards it would prevent that family from inviting other family members to their home, or your child visiting family members. Although the government is in a difficult position, they continually put schools in an even worse hole and when a neighbouring borough came up with a family friendly solution to enable families to safely meet at Christmas they decided to take them to court!

Throughout this situation the priority of the school has been to carry on educating the children and to try and keep all families and staff safe. However, the current infection rates in East London are very concerning and because of this - and after discussing it with our Chair of Governors - we have taken up the government's offer to use some inset time to now **close the school on Thursday 17th Dec.** at the usual time instead of Friday the 18th at 1pm. This will allow staff to get tested at local facilities if they so wish so they can be sure they are protecting their families. I will be available up until the 24th Dec. to help if anyone gets ill in the run-up to Christmas and you can contact me on

ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk.

For those children isolating, we will hold a day in January where we can make up the fun that they have missed, including a Christmas meal and party.

I have included with this letter advice on how to safely celebrate Christmas but be aware that this guidance may change if London tips into Tier 3 next week as many predict.

Please look after yourselves and stay safe

Matt Hipperson HT



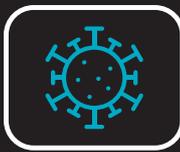


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Staying safe over the festive season



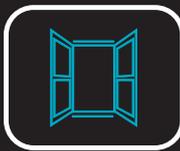
COVID-19 does not go on holiday

- The risk of transmission remains the same over the festive season as it does at any time.
- Do everything you can to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19 by avoiding crowded places, outside or inside.



Forming your festive bubble

- People from up to three households can form a bubble.
- You can only be in one bubble. Bubbles cannot overlap.
- You can only meet your festive bubble in private homes or gardens, places of worship or outdoor spaces.
- If you or someone in your bubble is vulnerable, consider gathering virtually and not making a bubble.



Keeping safe in your festive bubble

- Keep multiple windows (or window and a door) open to create airflow through the house.
- Clean all frequently touched surfaces with cleaner after anyone uses them (e.g. taps, toilet flush, light switches etc).
- If you go out, follow all the guidance. Wash your hands and clean things from outside when you come in.
- If you or someone in your bubble is vulnerable, then take extra precautions. Try to stay 2 metres away and wear face coverings.



Wear a
face covering



Keep your distance
(2 metres)



Wash your
hands

We stay apart now to be together later.

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