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Dear Parents,

As we enter the last week of school, I'm writing to you about, firstly, a couple of staff changes. Mrs Pearson, our Nursery teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays, is leaving at the end of this term. From January Mrs Boyes will be teaching the Nursery class on Mondays, with Mrs Elizabeth Smith working with the children for the rest of the week. Mrs Maureen Laherty, teaching assistant, will be retiring at the end of this term. We wish both colleagues all the best for the future and thank them for everything that they've done for the children at our school.

Everyone will be aware of the government's 'Test and Trace' procedures that are used to identify people who may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19. Schools have been asked to play their part in keeping this going during the Christmas holidays. With this in mind, please could I ask you to email me (djpwiliams@stjosephscps.co.uk) if any of your children at St. Joseph's receive a positive test between now and Christmas Eve. This will help us to notify other families of children, as well as staff, who may have had close contact with the person who has tested positive. **Your child's name will not be disclosed to other families, so please be assured that we will maintain strict confidence if this occurs.**

From today, the self-isolation period is reduced from fourteen days to ten days for people who have had contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19. All current contacts of positive cases can return to school once they have completed ten days of self-isolation (providing that they are not displaying symptoms of COVID or have tested positive themselves).

I would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity towards both Kirkwood Hospice and the food collection. Your kindness is very much appreciated. I will be taking the food to the sisters after lunch on Thursday, so please let us have any further donations by Thursday morning.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone and very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, as well as thanking you for your support during the current pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Williams

