

Dear parents:

As we near the end of December 23<sup>rd</sup> our role in Track and Trace also comes to an end until the New Year. It has not stopped since December 17<sup>th</sup> when the school closed and we have been busy every day since then contacting parents and staff as more people have been taking tests. I would like to thank those staff who have helped to make this possible.

As you are aware we are now in Tier 4 in London with all local restrictions in place. The school is closed until January 6<sup>th</sup>. We have had a large rise in the number of cases in the last week, like every other school in Hackney and many of the children have been asked to self-isolate until December 27<sup>th</sup>.

The current situation is that we have 8 children testing positive in the last 9 days from 3 different classes and 4 members of staff. The good news is that so far all cases and all of them have been either asymptomatic or very mild with quick recovery times. Please God this continues to be the case.

All staff have been asked to take and have been provided with PCR tests between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December. We hope this will mean a smooth opening on January 6<sup>th</sup> but one thing this last 9 days has taught me is that things can change in the blink of an eye. We will keep you informed at all times. We pray to God for happier days.

Hope you manage to enjoy the next 14 days with your loved ones and children.

Stay safe, stay well and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year 2021.

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