



# Simmondley Primary School

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Friday 27th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another wonderful week in school and our whole school attendance has been 98% which is another great achievement by the whole of our community. It was lovely to see the children chosen by the staff enjoying their Hot Chocolate today for 'going above and beyond' and having the most mentions on their Shout Out Boards. We have also seen many of our children keeping our school rules by being Kind, Ready and Safe. They are amazing!

As Tuesday next week is the 1<sup>st</sup> December, children may wear a Christmas jumper to school if they wish to. Christmas jumper day will then be every Friday and every Monday through December until we finish for the Christmas break.

We have been approached by some parents asking about Christmas Cards and gifts for staff. Whilst we are always grateful and appreciative of the kindness shown to us at this time of year, in line with our DCC Covid 19 Risk Assessment, we will not be able to accept them this year. If you wish to send a virtual thank you via class emails or enquiries they will be gratefully received. We would also ask that children do not bring cards into school from home for their friends. There will be plenty of lovely things happening in school and we will make sure our children are able to enjoy as much as they can of the festive season even though things may be a little different this year.

***As we come out of National Lockdown and our area moves into Tier 3, it will significantly help us to continue to remain open for all pupils if everyone adheres to the guidelines set out by the government. Please also remember that as we finish school on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, we will be checking the absence inbox for positive Covid case confirmation and contact tracing up to and including Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. If there is a confirmed case of a child during this time we will need to contact families to inform them that their child needs to isolate. This will also apply to our staff team too. If we continue to work together, adhering to the Tier 3 restrictions, hopefully this will not be the case, but it is a possibility. Please follow the link below for more details. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>***

The time has come for you to apply for a reception place for children born between 1/9/2016 and 31/8/17. You must apply by midnight on Friday 15th January 2021 for a reception place at infant/ primary school for September 2021. Full information at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions). Please see our website for our virtual tour and let anyone know who might be interested. ***We will be holding a Q and A Session in the next few weeks for parents who are interested to get to know us a little better. Please look out for dates and times on our school website, Facebook and Twitter and share with anyone you know who might be considering sending their children to our school in September 2021.***

In continuing to support our whole community effort to keep school open for all our pupils, it would be most appreciated if you could remain 2 metres apart & wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) when you are queuing outside the school site at drop off & pick up.

Pick up and Drop off reminders: On entering the site, please use the yellow markers on the ground to maintain distance from other adults. One adult only per family who must remain two metres apart from other adults on site. Face coverings must be worn unless exemption applies. Once you have collected your child please do not stop to speak to other parents, leave the school site immediately and ***we would ask that you do not stand blocking the pathway at entrances and exits to wave your child off or to talk to others.*** All messages to staff need to be sent via email/telephone to the office.

Our Snow Plan has been updated and in the event of inclement weather where we are not able to open our site in line with the current Covid 19 Risk Assessment, we will switch to Scenario F of the Remote Education Contingency Measures using Google Classroom for Teaching and Learning and the school site will be closed. We will inform you by 7am if this is the case by text and by notification on the website.

Please continue to learn the Christmas songs with your children that have been uploaded to Google Classroom. We are looking forward to our outdoor Christmas Sing- a -long later in the term.

Please contact the school office via telephone or email [enquiries@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you wish to pass a message on that a teacher needs to know urgently in the morning. Only use class emails to communicate with us if it is a general question or concern. If you are using the class email for questions and concerns, staff will respond in line with our policy in that they will acknowledge your concern within 24 hours Monday to Friday within working hours and reply to you as soon as they are able to, that is usually within 2 days. Teachers are not directed to check emails first thing in the morning as they are preparing resources for their class and setting up for the day.

All absences need to be reported through [absences@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:absences@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk) as these are monitored outside of school hours. Not by leaving a telephone message which we are not able to access off site.

As the weather becomes wetter and colder, please ensure your child has a full set of waterproofs which can be worn over a coat, fleece, warm tights or trousers and a set of wellies in school at all times, hat and gloves. (Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name.)

Thank you once again for your support and encouragement this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Greaves  
Headteacher

Mrs Ellison  
Deputy Headteacher