



# Mellor News

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Working in Partnership

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## Term Dates

Yesterday, the DfE advised schools to make Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December a non-teaching day for children to allow adequate time for contract tracing before Christmas Eve. Therefore, we will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The last day of term for children will be **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020** and the school will be re-opening on **Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.



## Contact Tracing over the holiday period

It is important that parents continue to inform us of **any children who develop symptoms on the first two days of the holiday – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and notify us of any subsequent test results. This is because if we have any confirmed cases within 48hrs of the children being in school they are likely to be infectious during this time period. We would then need to inform anyone from the school community they had come into close contact with to advise them to self-isolate. All notifications of symptoms and test results should be texted to the following number 07990282822. **Please note this number should only be used for these reasons and will be active up to and including Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.**

## Festive Jumper Day

We will be inviting all children and staff to come to school in their festive jumpers on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.



## Christmas Assembly

Year 2 have been working hard to put together this year's Christmas Assembly. We will be making this available to parents remotely this year and more details with the link to the assembly will be sent out next week.



## Celebration Assemblies

The Celebration Assemblies will also be made available to parents remotely. We are very proud of all of our children's achievements and look forward to sharing these with you next week.

## Christmas Cards

Due to the current situation, we are unfortunately asking children not to share Christmas cards this year within school. This will help us to continue to reduce the possible spread of infection and help us keep our school open to all of our classes. For those children who still wish to share Christmas messages we would encourage the following;

- Email Christmas messages via Db Primary
- Practice a verbal Christmas message to be shared with your class
- Create a virtual Christmas card on Db Primary to share

## Thank you

Thank you to all of our parents who continue to manage our staggered starts and finishes with patience and respect for others. As the weather turns colder please aim to arrive on time and not too early to avoid unnecessary waiting.



## Christmas Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers to the value of £30 per child will be issued to all parents who are eligible for Free School Meals to cover the period over the Christmas Holidays. These vouchers will be similar to those issued during the period of school closure from March to July. More details will follow next week.

## Covid Update

As you will know Leicester and Leicestershire are now both classed as Tier 3/very high risk areas. The poster below clarifies the current restrictions in Leicester and Leicestershire.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	Closed (with limited exceptions)	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Indoor venues closed.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	EXERCISE	RESIDENTIAL CARE	LARGE EVENTS
Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

**Find out what support you can get**

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**If you have any coronavirus symptoms:**

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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