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*"Achievement, Belonging, Celebration"*

Valuing every child through fostering independence,  
inclusion, trust, respect and support

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**Re: Christmas and Tier 3 restrictions**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come out of the national lockdown and enter Tier 3 restrictions, keeping the school safe remains our highest priority. Therefore the festive season at New Siblands will look quite different this year, but we will endeavour to ensure that all children who celebrate Christmas, will get the opportunity to do so, and that we include you where we can.

Christmas dinner will be in classrooms on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will perform a virtual nativity or panto that you can access from home. In addition, pupils will be able to view the virtual 'Singing Hands' show (details of both events to follow). Finally, we hope that Santa will drop in for an outdoor and socially distanced visit on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – only if we are good! Many thanks to FONSS and the Rotary Club, for funding our Christmas activities.

On a more serious note, you may be aware that we are experiencing significant levels of staff absences related to COVID. So far we have been able to ensure that staffing levels in each class remain safe. If the situation worsens in the winter months there is a possibility that we would have to close classes that are insufficiently staffed. Obviously, this would be a very last resort and we will make every effort to avoid this.

To help us, please follow the Tier 3 restrictions very carefully. If your child has a potential COVID symptom, keep them at home, and if any member of your household is having a COVID test please ensure you all self-isolate until the results come in. Because many of our pupils have complex health conditions we may also ask you to keep your child at home if they appear to be unwell, especially if it is something that could be infectious.

If your child was advised to stay home during the lockdown because they are extremely clinically vulnerable, they will be able to return to school, unless you have been advised otherwise by a GP or paediatrician.

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that we are able to maintain continuity for all in the run up to Christmas.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carrie Osmond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.