

Dear Parents

It is rather sad to be ending the term with what feels like more uncertainty ahead. I know lots of events are now being cancelled and I really hope that you are able to enjoy Christmas in the way you had intended. We have still been able to celebrate Christmas in school and I hope the children have enjoyed themselves - although we do have high numbers of children absent today due to Chicken Pox amongst other things.

We have been given no indication at all of what might be ahead next term, but I feel there are probably three possibilities:

- We carry on as we are now, as we have had relatively few cases, and the children's education can continue undisrupted
- We have to return to bubbles, which we have done before, and which has some implications but means the children's education is not disrupted
- We face a return to home learning, with only key worker children in school. This will be the most disruptive for all of us, but again, we have managed this successfully before. If this is the plan I would hope that we will be given more notice than last year in order to prepare. As last year we will be offering places to key workers' children and will send out the necessary correspondence as soon as we have the information. As always we will take an understanding view and aim to work with you as a family to ensure the best way forward for key worker places.

Please be assured that I will be in touch with you over the holiday as soon as I have further information. In the meantime I suggest we all focus on enjoying being together, which was not possible in the same way last year, counting our blessings and eating and drinking far too many calories!

We send love from us all here at Hammond Infants, and the hope that 2022 brings us, eventually, better things.

Jacky