

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents,

Despite the continuous negative news we are hearing daily in the press, the last two weeks of the term at St Bede's have been extremely happy and festive, and that is in no small part down to the hard work and generosity of our newly formed PTA: we are so grateful for the extra sparkle they have been able to bring to school life. We would also like to thank all of you for your support and generous contributions; buying bottles, hamper gifts and Christmas crafts. Thank you!

We would just like to share a few reminders for you all:

#### **PD Day:**

A reminder that school will be **closed on Tuesday 4th January for a PD Day** and all pupils will **return in the new year on Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

#### **Contact with a Positive Case:**

From 14th December the rules changed for close contacts of a positive COVID case. For pupils who are a close contact, they should:

- take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19, if this is earlier
- take this daily test before you leave the household for the first time that day

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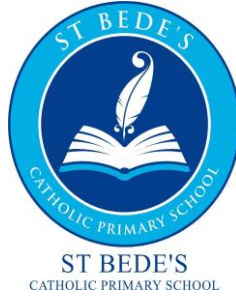
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## Attendance:

We would like to politely remind parents that our school's attendance policy states that: "the Leave of absence in Term Time policy is managed by the Trust. The parent who has responsibility to ensure the regular attendance of their child at school, must make an application to the Head Teacher of the school at which their child is on roll, for any leave of absence in term time. Using the appropriate application form, the request should be made providing at least one month's notice." The application form and the Leave of Absence in Term Time policy is downloadable from the school website or can be printed for parents at the school office.

As we find ourselves at the end of the first term of the year we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the kind words of support and gifts our staff have received this week. We have once again been overwhelmed by your generosity. But most especially, thank you for the gift of your children, who make our days at St Bede's a very special place to be.

We break up for the holidays feeling very blessed and we would like to extend our best wishes for the Christmas season to all our pupils and their families and we pray that you all remain safe and well.

Have a happy, holy and peaceful holiday,

Kind regards

Ms Smith and all the staff at St Bede's.



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