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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing festive break and enjoyed spending time with loved ones. The children have returned happy and settled. Once again thank you from myself and all the staff for your very kind and thoughtful gifts and messages.

### St Cuthbert's Hospice Festive Fun Run

Thank you for your huge generosity in supporting this event. School raised a fantastic £1029.95! St Cuthbert's are very grateful and thanked us for the 'amazing amount of money raised by our pupils.' Well done.

### Online Safety Reminder

We're sure many of our children have been lucky enough to receive new devices over the Christmas holidays. Can we just ask that you always keep an open conversation and speak regularly to your children about keeping themselves safe when online and using the internet. Your children are familiar with the term 'online safety', as it is frequently visited by our teachers and it is part of their National Curriculum. Discuss and agree limitations and boundaries together, and remind them not to disclose personal information.

We have a simple and strong message; the internet is an amazing tool, but if unsure, talk to a trusted adult.

Mrs S. Lawson, Computing and E-Safety Lead.

### DfE Update

#### **What has been announced?**

From Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, in England, people **without symptoms** who then have a positive LFD test result will no longer have to take a PCR test to confirm their status.

Instead, anyone who has a positive LFD test result must report their result online or by calling 119, and self-isolate (this will support accurate national statistics). They will be contacted by Test and Trace in England so their close contacts can be notified, as happens now after a positive PCR.

People will be able to leave self-isolation seven days after the date of their initial positive test, providing they receive two negative LFT results, 24 hours apart, on days six and seven (or two consecutive tests afterwards e.g. day 7 and 8 or day 8 and 9), as previously announced.

### What happens if my child, or someone in my house, has symptoms?

Anyone with Covid symptoms - a cough, a fever or a loss of taste or smell - **must still take a PCR test**, as soon as possible, and should stay at home and self-isolate while they wait for the result. **A negative LFD test will not be accepted.**

The isolation period still starts from the onset of symptoms.

If a child shows symptoms in school, staff will continue to contact parents/carers and isolate the child until they can be collected to be taken for a PCR test. Anyone who has had a PCR test must continue to self-isolate if this is positive, even if they have previously had negative LFD tests.

### Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Who
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Gymnastics (in school)	Year 1
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Intra School Festival (in school)	Year 2
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Valentine's Disco (details tbc)	Whole school in year groups

### Reminder

Just a quick reminder that school will break up for the spring half term holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February and the children return on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. School is closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February due to the extra bank holiday awarded to accommodate the additional Jubilee Bank Holiday.

We look forward to sharing photographs of our amazing children' achievements. Don't forget to check the school website too!

Best wishes

*Mrs. L. Frazer*

Headteacher

