



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start this letter by saying a huge thank you to all our families, staff and governors for the support you have shown school throughout this difficult year. The pandemic has affected many of us, personally, emotionally and financially. The start of autumn term was a huge learning curve for us all in terms of adjusting to the way in which schools now have to operate. We have however come through this and we have been very fortunate that it has only been during the last week that we have had to send two bubbles home.

As I write this letter I have had no news about any changes that are to be implemented when we start back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We will therefore continue to operate as we are with the staggered start and finish times in order to keep our bubbles as safe as we possibly can. If there are any changes, I will contact you as soon as I hear anything.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Battle of the Bands and this has now been uploaded onto the parent blog on Purple Mash and will remain there until Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Videos can only be accessed through the link on Purple Mash and are not available for anyone else to watch on YouTube.

Opera on Location have recorded Cinderella and a family friendly version of the show is premiering on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am! Find out more on their website at [operaonlocation.co.uk](http://operaonlocation.co.uk) - it is completely free to watch with an option to donate towards the future work of the company and opera in Sheffield.

### Letter from Father Christmas

We've heard a letter has arrived in the Town Hall from someone rather special. It was addressed to all the boys and girls in Sheffield to remind them that, even though Christmas might be a bit different this year, magic is still all around. If you would like to share it with the children in your life, you can download it from <https://bit.ly/festivesheffresources>

### Planning safe celebrations over the festive period

Here is a link to a simple 5 minute video, with 10 easy ways to help you and others plan safe celebrations this festive period from Greg Fell.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TN1S6kltJAY>





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### End of term track and trace

In order to comply with the governments instruction that schools support track and trace at the beginning of the school holiday we will be checking emails, text messages and phone messages on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. This is so you can contact us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 after we finish on Friday 18 December.

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms within two days (or less) of their last day in school and then tests positive for Covid-19, please let us know by:

Email – [enquiries@portercroft.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@portercroft.sheffield.sch.uk)

Phone -0114 2662132

This will enable us to contact pupils in the same bubble so we can inform them they will need to self- isolate for 10 days. This will have an impact on who they can see during the festive period and we appreciate this may disrupt Christmas plans and cause disappointment for some families.

### Citizenship Awards

Well done to our children who have received this term's citizenship award for upholding our school values during the Autumn term.

FS2-Mia Mtukaiza Y1-Ahatty Tesfa Y2-Lodan Abdelrasoul Y3-Aarush Fulsamandar  
Y4-Esraa Mohammed Ali Y5-Ida Mtukaiza Y6-Ammara Philadelphia

I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas for those families who celebrate it and I hope everyone has a lovely two weeks' rest with loved ones.

We will see you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Stay safe everyone.

Cath Thomas

Headteacher

