



## SMART CODE

**S**peak politely and listen carefully

**M**ake school enjoyable for everyone



**A**ct safely



**R**espect and care for each other



**T**ell someone your worries



### Term 2, Newsletter 4 (2020-21)

10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents

#### **GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT – Next Friday**

Earlier this week, we were asked to consider changing the last day of this term (next Friday) to an INSET day. The DfE tell us that this is to give families an extra day to self-isolate, if they are going to meet up with vulnerable loved ones during the Christmas break and also so that I, as headteacher, will not have to report health figures to the DfE on Christmas Day. Currently, I am on Track and Trace duty every day. We will authorise any absence for your children if you would like to self-isolate, so that loved ones are kept safe. Please would you continue to let us know if your child is not in school? I feel it is not enough notice to ask you to make alternative arrangements for your children that day so we will be open, as usual, for those families who would prefer their children to be in school.

As always, please do not send your child into school if they have a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell. We have been very lucky not to have any cases so far and if there are any cases from now, we will probably all have to self-isolate during the Christmas break.

If you or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 during the Christmas break, please would you let me know straight away by email to [admin@leighterton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leighterton.gloucs.sch.uk) so I can find out and let you all know who will need to self-isolate. If I do have to contact you about self-isolation, I will send you a text from the school mobile phone with the instructions that I am told to pass on.

#### **GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT – Summer Assessments for Key Stages One and Two**

Currently, we have been told that some assessments will still go ahead next summer and some will not. The children in Year 6 will take SATs in Maths and Reading but will not do the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test. The Year 4 Multiplication Check will not go ahead next year. The children in Year 2 will not take the Key Stage 1 SATs and instead they will be assessed by their teacher. The Phonics Screening Check will be taken by all Year 1 children and for any Year 2 children who have not yet met the expectation.

Currently, there are no plans for Ofsted to return to inspections before the beginning of term 4.

As we come to the end of Term 2, on behalf of everyone at Leighterton Primary School, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all the support you have given us all throughout the year and for helping us to put systems in place to keep the children safe so that they can be happy learners. The children are all Superstars and we are very lucky to have such lovely families who come to Leighterton Primary School!

Yours sincerely

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