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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Preventing the spread of Covid-19 this winter**

As 2020 comes to an end, we wanted to write to you and thank you for your continued support in ensuring that disruption to school life & learning during the past year has been kept to a minimum.

The affect the Covid-19 pandemic is having on young people's wellbeing is something we all care deeply about, and we want to assure you that we will do all we can to keep schools safe.

We know that the past months have not been easy for many parents and carers. Home schooling will have had its challenges. Many of us are worried about the risk of infection. We also know that some people have felt isolated and lonely during this time.

During the last few weeks, there have been hopeful signs that infection rates were stabilising because of national and regional restrictions. However, we must continue to be careful because the threat of the virus has not disappeared, and the latest figures show that unfortunately cases appear to have increased again in the last week. Some key information is provided below on the current Covid-19 situation in Enfield. This shows that cases continue to occur right across the borough, particularly in younger age groups.

As we enter the winter period, we all still have a role to play in keeping our family, friends and wider community safe and healthy through the winter and beyond. We all must continue to stick to Covid guidance during the weeks ahead, and particularly over the Christmas period.

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You can find a comprehensive list of Covid-19 related guidance on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

As part of preparing for winter we would also like to encourage you to take up the offer of the flu jab for your child. Further advice on this is available from: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

We wish you all a safe and healthy festive period and thank you for playing your part in trying to keep our borough healthy and safe from Covid.

Yours faithfully

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**Stuart Lines**  
**Director of Public Health**

**Headteacher**