



12.11.20

Dear Parents

I hope that you all managed to have a break at half term. The children have settled back into routines very quickly. We are still trying to find safe and innovative ways for the children to enjoy the Christmas events that we would ordinarily organise for them. I know that Mrs Davison has sent out some information already and there will be more updates in the coming weeks. Whenever possible, we will endeavour to ensure that children do not miss out if they have to self-isolate.

Four children at Northburn have tested positive in the last few weeks. No staff have tested positive. Thank you to all the families who have followed the guidelines, kept us informed and enabled us to act quickly when necessary.

I would encourage all adults to wear a mask, socially distance, when they are on the school grounds, particularly at drop off, and pick up times.

When I worked as a teacher in London, I worked in a very old school and they had some fascinating logbooks kept by previous headteachers. These logs told stories of events in London such as outbreaks of illness and evacuation during the Second World War. They were used as historical documents; the children found them of immense interest. I have been keeping a diary about Northburn Primary through the 2020 pandemic. Children throughout school have been helping me and giving contributions including poems, pictures and their thoughts. In years to come when the pandemic is a distant memory I am hoping future teachers will be able to use it when teaching history to their children.

It would be fantastic if I could include the perspective of parents. If you have accounts or thoughts that you are happy to share and for me to include in my logs, that would be most appreciated.

If you have requested that your child gets a flu vaccine, they will receive it tomorrow. If your child is self-isolating, we are arranging for them to receive the vaccination at a later date.

We are looking forward to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Children in Need Day. All children, dressed in their sports gear, will be joining in with [@thebodycoach](https://www.thebodycoach.com) to show their support. Children who are self-isolating can join in at home.

<https://t.co/J2zNdkstFh>

Thank you very much for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Clare Scott'.

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