



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parents/Carers

***'Shall we all move to Wales?'***

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-55265317>

We have been humbled by the support that we have received this week. I have never received so many emails from parents on one subject in my teaching career. As I have not been able to reply to all of the emails, please accept my thanks for all of the correspondence we have received. Where you have thanked other teachers, I have forwarded a copy of your email to them. Thank you for cc'ing me into parent emails to local MPs and the RSC.

Year 12/13 parents were emailed earlier today with news that, due to positive cases and pending test results, we have had to close the Sixth Form bubble until the end of term. Students in the Sixth Form who are not self-isolating can come into school to collect books/folders from their lockers. Please call the main office for assistance if your child is self-isolating, as we can empty lockers for you to collect the contents.

I have been made aware that the government has indicated that the self-isolation period will change from 14 days to 10 days from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Once we have received this information officially, we will update the end of self-isolation dates for those students who are currently self-isolating.

### **Jedidiah Toy Appeal**

The presents were collected this morning. Thank you for all of the donations, there were a significant amount of presents sent in.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Thank you to our catering team who, over the past week or so, have cooked and served 100s of Christmas lunch meals for students. It was nice to see some sense of normality at this time of year.

### **Christmas Cards**

You may remember me writing a few weeks ago about students making and writing Christmas cards for individuals who may be on their own this Christmas. I am pleased to say that 330 cards were sent to the charity this week to distribute.

### **COVID**

We are waiting on the test results for a number of students across all year groups. I don't believe it is going to be possible to telephone every parent over the weekend if we need to ask students to self-isolate. From now on, we will action the following:

- If we receive notice of a positive result during the school day, then parents will be contacted by telephone advising them of next steps.
- If we receive notice of a positive result during in the evening or over the weekend, then parents will be contacted by email.

- If we receive notice of a positive result in the evening or over the weekend and we cannot be clear who the close contacts are, then we will have to close the bubble for the following day to allow tracing work to take place. Parents will be informed by email of this decision.

I wish you all a pleasant and safe weekend.

Matt Warren  
Headteacher