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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a nice Christmas and a happy new year. We are looking forward to another great year at St Patrick's. Despite the uncertainties of the current situation one thing will always remain the same: our love and care for the children who come to our school to learn and grow.

I just wanted to touch base before Year 10 and 11 return to school tomorrow. As of today we have a small number of absent teachers and support staff. We can cope with these absences and are looking forward to welcoming all year groups into school by Monday morning.

If staffing levels do hit a crisis point at any point this half-term we will send year groups home to learn remotely. Lessons will be provided for children on Google Classroom and Teams. It would be our intention to send a year group home for a week to learn and this is the order we have planned, should we need to move to this:

Year 8
Year 10
Year 9
Year 7

We have chosen this order to reflect the amount of time children have missed so far due to covid.

We do not plan to send Year 11 home to learn at all. We will only do this if we have a Year 11 covid outbreak and we are told to by public health. This is because they have exams to prepare for and we want to help them as much as possible in their final few months with us.

To help pupils and their families prepare for GCSEs **Year 11 parents' evening is planned for next Thursday 13th January**. This will now be delivered remotely via School Cloud to reduce the chance of staff, pupils and parents contracting covid. We will send you some information about this soon if your child is in Year 11.

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We will do our absolute best to keep children in school every day. However, we want to be planned and ready in case we do not have enough staff to keep children learning safely. We hope you understand and appreciate the advanced notice of the plan of action.

Finally, thank you in advance for sending your child back into school in the correct uniform. We know you will be checking the cupboards tonight for ties and bags and we appreciate your support! It is so important that we all work together in challenging times for the good of your children and us all agreeing on the same high standards really helps the children focus and rise to the challenge.

Fingers crossed for a smooth, covid-free half term!

Mrs Byrne
Headteacher

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