



3 December 2021

Dear Michael Mount Community,

We are approaching the end of term and have come through 2021 very well. We were hoping to get to the end of term, unhindered by the Covid pandemic, however with the increasing number of infections and in the interests of keeping our community safe, we have been forced to consider the impact of the 4th wave on our community. We have therefore made the following decisions:

Baby Care

The Baby Care will remain open until the 15th December.

Play Group and Nursery School

The Nursery School and Play Group children have been operating in their smaller bubbles and therefore the risks have been much lower. Classes and festivals will therefore continue as planned.

Primary School

Unfortunately, we have had to close classes already. In order to minimize the risk, it has been decided to close the Primary School with immediate effect.

- Classes 1 to 4 are asked to return from **8am to 9am on Wednesday, 8th December**, to receive reports and say a fitting farewell.
- Classes 5 to 7 will return from **9am to 10am on Wednesday, 8th December**, to receive reports and say a fitting farewell.

Please collect your children as promptly as possible.

High School

The High School students write their final examinations today (Friday, 3rd December) thereafter we ask parents to keep their children at home on Monday and Tuesday. High School students will return on **Wednesday, 8th December at 8am** for farewells and reports. **The children will be ready to be collected at 9.00am.**

General Support

We apologize for the inconvenience; if you are unable to keep your child at home, the school will provide care for the children who need it on Monday and Tuesday. Please contact your Class Teacher or Guardian to inform them if your child will need care on those days.

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Aftercare and Holiday Care

Aftercare and Holiday Care will remain open as usual. Holiday care will remain open until the 15th December, and will reopen on Monday 10th January 2022.

Covid protocols will be strictly adhered to. Should any child or family member test positive for Covid, we ask that you immediately inform the school.

We are in Advent now and there has been much reflection on the year almost past. We have learned much and have grown through the immense difficulties of the year. It is time to look ahead to what the future will bring us. There will be new challenges, but there will also be love and support, laughter and joy. I would like to leave with you the words of David Whyte from his poem “Everything is waiting for you” – “The kettle is singing, even as it pours you a drink, the cooking pots, have left their arrogant aloofness and seen the good in you at last. All the birds and creatures of the world are unutterably themselves. Everything is waiting for you.”

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and festive season, a joyful New Year and a restful holiday.

Regards,

WILLIAM BESTER
Administrator