Wishing all our families a healthy and happy new year.

The Department of Education has extended school holidays until Mon 11 January. These extra days will allow all families and staff members to stay home and curtail their contacts for a fortnight after the Christmas celebrations in order to bring the infection numbers down.

We hope that the children will spend the time relaxing at home with their Christmas toys, some books or board games, and maybe helping out with some jobs around the house. They may like to write a card or draw a picture for their grandparents or great-grandparents. Grandparents Day will be Wednesday 27 January.

We would appeal to ALL families and staff members to cooperate fully with the new restrictions for the next few weeks. We need to keep our schools safe for children, staff and parents. We are only as strong as the weakest link in the chain.

The children all know how to keep safe and will be happy to remind their families:

* Wash hands regularly
* Stay in your bubble (class bubble or home bubble)
* Avoid those outside your bubble (no playdates or visiting)
* Masks help keep other people safe

**If there are any further updates we will let you know by Aladdin text and on our website** [**www.stbrigidsinfantschool.ie**](http://www.stbrigidsinfantschool.ie)**.**

Please make sure that we have up-to-date phone numbers, home and email address.

Have you downloaded the Class Dojo app to your phone?