

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear All,

Happy New Year. I hope you all managed to have a joy filled holiday and spent some quality time with your loved ones. I know many families plans were disrupted by COVID if this was your situation and people were unwell, I hope you are all now better or at least on the road to recovery.

It will come as no surprise that the cases of COVID in our area are very high. In a meeting this week with Public Health, Headteachers were informed that in Lewisham, we now have the highest levels of infection that we have ever seen. Omicron, the driver of this new infection rate, may present itself in many ways but the main symptom is initially a cold. Can I PLEASE ask, that if your child has cold like symptoms that you get them tested before you send them to school. This action will help us reduce the risk of infection and the further disruption of children's education.

We need your help.

Last year, a member of the school community approached the Variety Club of Great Britain about supplying the school with a new minibus. Our present minibus has been a vital part of our school. It has enabled children to access trips that otherwise they would not be able to attend, but it has in fact been a lifeline for us all. It has taken many classes of children on school journey, on trips into town, to swimming and a whole host of other activities that have enriched our children's lives. But our bus is old, does not meet ULEZ requirements and we will not be able to use it for much longer.

We were offered a minibus by the Variety Club, but as is their terms and conditions, we would have to contribute £15,000 towards the bus which was worth over £40,000. This amount however, was way beyond school's budget and what we would be able to raise. The variety Club understood we are a small school and have come back to me this week with another offer. They have reduced our contribution to £7,500 which is an opportunity I just can't refuse and that is why I need your help.

Obviously, any donation that you could personally make would be amazing, but we know there are businesses out there that may be able to help. Do you, or a friend work for a company that may be interested in financially supporting

this worthwhile cause? The school and Friends of Perrymount will also approach all companies that we can but we need your help as well.

If to approach a company, you need further information, please contact me and I will be happy to speak to them personally.

My email address is headteacher@perrymount.lewisham.sch.uk

Equally, if you can think of any other ways that we can raise funds, please let us know.

If we all pull together I am sure we can do this so please, get your thinking caps on and let's make this happen.

Best wishes

Christine Keen

Headteacher.