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Dear Parents/ Carers



Responding to the Covid Omicron Variant

As you know there is much concern regarding the Covid Omicron variant. As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will take advice from the DfE, Public Health England and the Local Authority and act accordingly. We will continue to keep you informed of any changes to our operating procedures.

Following advice received today, staff and adults in school will revert back to wearing masks when moving around in corridors and communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

We all want to be able to embrace the 'usual' excitement and fun of the last few weeks of the Christmas term as safely as we possibly can, subject to contingency plans.

As things stand, we are busy preparing to hold our EYFS nativity performances in the KS2 hall on 9th and 10th December. It is lovely to hear the children practising their songs and we are all very much looking forward to the performances. However, I have to make it clear that the live performances may need to be cancelled depending on local outbreaks or changing advice from PHE. Hopefully this won't happen. In either case, we aim to make a pre-recording of the nativity and share it with you on our Vimeo platform via a password.



Enhanced safety measures for our nativity show include:

- An enhanced clean of the performance and seating areas before and after the event
- Set maximum number of tickets per pupil/ family
- Allocated seat numbers issued prior to each performance to avoid the need for early queuing outside the school building
- No paper tickets issued
- Entry to the building will not be allowed more than 15 minutes before each show
- Enhanced ventilation using the KS2 Hall with all windows open
- All attendees are required to wear a mask at all times when in the school building
- All attendees are strongly urged to take a lateral flow test prior to attending. If you are unable to get rapid LFT kits from local council venues, workplace or a local pharmacy, packs can be ordered from here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. If you cannot order online, please call 119. Remember: LFTs are to be used only where there are no symptoms present and as a precaution. It is advised they are used before periods of high risk such as large events to help prevent transmission as much as possible and help protect those around you. If you do have symptoms or feel unwell, it's important that you stay at home and order a PCR test by visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or calling 119
- Reminder that no one is to attend the performance if they are feeling unwell

- Hand sanitiser in situ but visitors are also requested to bring their own to use before they enter the building and as they leave
- All attendees to leave the building promptly once the nativity is over



Christmas postboxes will be set up from next week within each class. These are for children to post cards to friends within their own year group only (to prevent the risk of transmission across the school by the post people!). Children will have until Friday December 10th to post any cards. They will then be quarantined over the weekend before being delivered the next week.

As always, if the situation changes we shall let you know.

Please take care everyone and fingers crossed for a happy and safe festive period.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Smith". The signature is stylized with a large 'S' and a prominent 'H'.

Mr Sean Smith
Headteacher