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Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the next two weeks we are looking forward to inviting families into school for our Christmas performances, all of which will be held in the hall. The current guidance from the DFE and Public Health is that these performances can continue as planned.

In order to make these performances as safe as possible, we have completed a risk assessment based on health advice. There will be some key measures in place that require your attention before coming to our performances. Please be prepared to follow these measures. Please can we also ask that you share this letter with any household members or family that are using one of your child's allocated tickets so that everyone attending is fully informed **ahead** of the performances.

What you will need to do **BEFORE** attending:

1. Do not attend the event if you do not have a ticket. Numbers are restricted for safety reasons and to restrict the number of households mixing.
2. If you have any covid symptoms (temperature, cough, loss of taste/smell) before entering the school, please return home and follow Government advice.
3. We strongly advise visitors to take a LFD test on the morning of the event and if you test positive, please isolate and follow Government advice.
4. Young children do need their own ticket and must sit next to, or on the lap of, an adult throughout the performance and will not be able to wander around the hall. Please prepare for this (snacks, quiet toy?).
5. Fire exits and windows will be open during the performance for ventilation so the hall will be cooler than normal. You may want to wear a thick jumper or keep your coat on.
6. Toilets will be available if required, however, we would like to avoid these being used where ever possible.

What you will be asked to do **when you arrive**:

1. Please do not arrive too early, 5-10 minutes before the performance time will be sufficient. If you have younger children you may wish to enter last so you are not sitting down longer than required.
2. You will have to wait outside the school – rain or shine – check the weather before you leave and be prepared!
3. When waiting outside, please try to distance yourself from others.
4. All visitors will be asked to sanitise their hands. A dispenser will be available on entry.
5. All visitors (over 12) will have to wear a mask as they enter the school, leave the school and throughout the performance (unless medically exempt). While proof of exemption is not required, please don't be offended if you are challenged by a member of staff.

What you will be asked to do **during the performance**:

1. Wear your mask throughout the performance (unless medically exempt).

2. If you develop covid symptoms during the performance, please leave straight away and return home. You don't need to tell a member of staff as you leave but we ask you phone or email when you are home to explain the situation.
3. Seating will be set up with set spaces. Visitors are not allowed to move chairs.
4. Young children will need to remain with their adult. If you need to leave with your child, please exit via the doors at the back of the hall.

What you will be asked to do at the end:

1. Please stay seated and wait to be asked to leave as we will slowly clear the hall to avoid a bottle neck at the exit.
2. If you test positive within two days of the performance you attend, please inform school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and following the measures we have in place. The children are really excited (and a little nervous) to be performing again (or for many, for the very first time!) in front of an audience and we hope you are looking forward to it too.

Please be aware that the current Covid situation both locally and nationally is changing almost by the hour and there is always going to be a chance that these performances will have to be cancelled or performed behind closed doors. In the unfortunate event this happens, we will aim to let families know with as much notice as is possible.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support as we endeavour to get everyone in the festive spirit with beautiful singing, big smiles, lots of fun and a very proud school community.

Kind regards

Mrs E. Sanderson