



Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Update on COVID cases

Although we continue to get new daily cases of COVID at school, I am pleased to share that the number of new cases have halved compared to last week. Having said this, they are still high enough to mean that the current measures will remain in place until next Friday when they will be reviewed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for adapting to parents evening via phone and wearing face coverings again on site to support us in lowering the transmission.

After meeting with Public Health England today, we will be able to make a decision on the Christmas Concerts next Friday (10th December). As I mentioned in my update last week, we are hopeful that they can go ahead with some strict safety measure in place. These measures will include:

- Only one parent or carer per child attending the concert.
- Face coverings being worn by all audience members apart from those who are exempt from wearing one.
- A lateral flow test being taken the evening before or the morning of the concert.
- The audience being socially distanced from the children and staff.

We would also like to prepare for the unfortunate eventuality that new cases increase and we cannot have live audiences. Therefore, we plan to film and share the concerts with parents and carers via a private YouTube link. This will also provide a way for family members who are not able to attend, to watch the performance.

In order for this to happen, we will need to obtain permission from all parents and carers for their child to be filmed and the video to be put on the private YouTube channel. Please go to the item on your ParentPay titled "Christmas Concert Filming Permission" and select that you give permission. This will not charge you anything but will act as a way of us obtaining permission without the use of paper slips. Please provide this permission by **Thursday 9th December 2021**. If we have not received permission by this date, we will not include your child in the recording.

Thank you again for your support; I will be in touch again next week.

With best wishes,



Mr Vitarana
Headteacher