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Christmas Events

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Dear parents and carers,

At this time of year, the school feels like a magical place as the classrooms and corridors are filled with the sound of children practising for their nativity and carol concert performances. Christmas and nativity plays are one of our most cherished school traditions. Sadly, last year, many had to be cancelled but this year, as we are at a different stage of the pandemic and as so many people are benefitting from the protections the vaccines offer, the government have stated that these can go ahead if careful consideration is given to the context of the school community and local reported cases.

In light of government guidance, issued on Sunday 28th November, we will be introducing additional measures at the Christmas events to help protect our children, staff and community. Following a comprehensive review of these events, and in line with current Government guidance, the following will apply:

- Hand sanitiser will be made available upon arrival and departure and all attendees will be required to use this at all events. Masks will be compulsory for attendees throughout all events, unless medically exempt.
- Christmas Fayre – There will be stalls on the front car park and in the Hall creating more space.
- Nativities – These will now be performed to parents only. No other year groups will be involved.
- Carol Concerts – Two performances will now take place instead of one. This will ensure we halve the number of adults in attendance. NO further tickets will be sold.
- Those in attendance will be required to take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) on the day of performance and must be prepared to show proof of this to a member of staff upon arrival. We will not permit entry where an LFT result has not been produced. LFTs can be ordered at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or collected from most local supermarkets.
- A deep clean of all public areas will take place before, after and between performances.
- The venue will use CO₂ monitors to monitor ventilation and steps will be taken to improve air flow through the opening of windows and doors.
- Reminders will be sent before the event asking parents not to attend if symptomatic and reminding families that vaccinations contribute to minimising risk of infection transmission.
- **PLEASE DO NOT attend any events if you are symptomatic.**

The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership continues to carry out robust risk assessments in light of emerging Government guidance and the number of Covid cases present within our school community. We will continue to monitor the number of confirmed cases within our school and, in the event that these increase, or that Government guidance changes, the event will be reviewed and additional measure implemented where necessary.

We look forward to welcoming you into school, after two years, to join in with these festive traditions.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

