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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to address the growing concerns in the community around the new strain of COVID-19, Omicron. COVID is very much still in the community and within the last few weeks, we have been made aware of more families reporting positive cases within the school. Although government guidelines have not officially changed, we are asking you to please protect us as a community and if there is a positive case within your household, please keep your child at home. Work will be provided for any child that is isolating, by their teachers, on the Google classroom platform.

You will be aware that we continue to try to get the school community back to some form of normality; however, it would be irresponsible of us to not to do all we can in order to protect the whole school community, particularly during the lead up to Christmas and our desires to spend this with our families.

Please see below some of the changes that we have made due to concerns around COVID-19 and the Omicron strain.

- We will revert to key stage bubbles as of today. Friday celebration assemblies will be held in bubbles. You will still be welcome into school for your child's assembly, as there will be a reduced amount of children and adults in the hall at those times. We must however, ask that only one adult per family come into the school for the assembly.
- The Key Stage 1 nativity will still go ahead, however, again we must ask that only one adult per family come into the school for the performance. The Key Stage 1 team will be in touch with other possible options to allow all family members to see the performance at some point.





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- There will be no Christmas church service this year.
- We will try our best to have the 'Carols Round the Tree' event on the last day of term. If this event goes ahead it will be weather permitting, as the only way we can justifiably have the whole school together, with parents, is if we hold the event in the playground.

As per to the government guidelines, please can all adults coming on to the school site please wear a mask. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you to practice good hygiene of hand washing and sanitizing as regularly as you can. Also, if you exhibit any symptoms, please take a lateral flow or PCR test before sending your child into school.

I am aware that some of these decisions will not be popular with all of the school community; however, it is not possible to please all people, all of the time, but please know we are trying to make the right decisions for everyone in these very uncertain times.

If you are uncertain by anything contained in this letter, please do get in touch to discuss further.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

