

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear parents & carers

I am sure you are aware of the latest updates relating to Covid 19 and the new Omicron variant.

Currently COVID-19 cases continue to be high in Croydon, although case rates are not as high as other areas. Schools are seeing cases rise markedly in school-age children and we have had a number of positive cases in the school. Some schools have started to experience challenges with staffing capacity and have already taken precautionary measures.

PHE have suggested that schools should cancel in person Christmas carol services, nativity plays and other school events involving large gatherings of people. They are recommending schools film the plays/services to share with parents.

I understand it will be disappointing if we are not able to welcome you into school for the plays and services, but we need to keep everyone safe and ensure that school continues to remain open. We are considering cancelling all school events.

I have a meeting with the Local Authority, PHE and other heads tomorrow and will be in a better position to update you on any decisions made. I appreciate it is short notice, but I have only received the updated information and felt it best to share it with you now.

To help minimise risks, I request that you wear a mask whilst on school premises and should you need to contact the office, please email or call. If your child is unwell and displays any Covid symptoms please take them for a PCR test and inform the school of the result. It is imperative that you keep your child at home if they are unwell.

Thank you for your cooperation and I will update you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

