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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to provide an update regarding our planned Christmas Fayre and KS1 nativity performances.

Christmas Fayre:

Firstly, the Trust-wide decision has been made to not allow families in school for the Christmas Fayre. I appreciate that this is short notice and as a school community you will be understandably disappointed; however, we feel the event would put families, staff and children at unnecessary risk due to the nature of the activities that we have planned. I know you will be saddened by this but after very careful consideration we know this is the right thing to do to keep you all safe. We will communicate with you the new arrangements for the Fayre so the hard work the children, staff and parent council have put into preparing for them will not go to waste.

Reception and KS1 Nativity:

We know you may have heard of several schools that are cancelling their Christmas nativity. We have taken the Trustwide decision to not cancel ours, and instead allow them to proceed. The children work so hard in their preparation for the nativity, and staff are so proud to showcase their endeavours, that we are going to go ahead with this year's event with some mitigating controls in place. It is of such importance to us that our communities are kept safe and are not being put at unnecessary risk before the festive season. The mitigating controls we are putting in place are as follows;

- All attendees must wear a face covering at all times during the performance unless you are exempt for medical reasons. This is because our nativity is in a communal area with an enclosed space.
- Can you please take a rapid lateral flow test the day before the nativity event to ensure that you are not positive for Covid. This is important as you will be mixing with people you may not normally meet. If your test is positive you should isolate immediately and get a PCR test.
- If you are suffering from symptoms of Covid please do not attend the event and arrange a PCR test as per the Governments guidance.

In addition, the school will ensure that the venue for the nativity is well ventilated and that hand sanitiser is available on entry.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support,

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Ayre Headteacher