



19 November 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

Events in School

Following information from the Director of Public Health to consider current COVID-19 infection rates, academies have been asked to take measures to minimise the spread of coronavirus.

General measures include:

- maintaining regular hand sanitising/handwashing;
- where possible, adults remaining socially distanced in corridors/social spaces;
- the option for staff to wear face coverings, particularly in small meeting rooms and communal spaces;
- additional cleaning of surfaces/touch points;
- avoiding audiences at indoor events;
- asking visitors to the building to take a lateral flow test on the morning of their visit and to wear a face covering unless exempt.

We had planned to host a number of events over the coming weeks. These included class events next week, as well as Christmas performances. Unfortunately, we have needed to take the difficult decision not to go ahead with these with audiences, although health advice is that pupils may continue to take part in the vast majority of activities 'behind closed doors'. This decision has been taken because local infection rates remain high and is designed to reduce transmission within the community.

While it is not the same experience, staff will, wherever possible, share pupils' performances and learning via our online platforms (SeeSaw and Tapestry) and they will contact you directly about this. Where we do not have your permission to share videos or pictures online, they will also double check with you whether you would like your child to be included in the recordings of these events.

I understand that this will be disappointing for many parents. This is also the case for staff and pupils, who have been working hard to prepare for the events and to welcome you into school. Please do look out for our event recordings and if you need any support to access Tapestry or SeeSaw, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Metcalfe

Principal