



CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 Update and further information

Further to my letter of 7th December 2021, as you are all aware, we are amid what is officially called a COVID-19 local outbreak. The correspondence sent yesterday clearly explained the steps the school has taken to temporarily introduce further control measures to minimise COVID-19 transmission in school.

What next?

We have two priorities: the first is to maintain high quality educational provision for our children in school and for those who are currently home-school learning. Our second priority is to do everything we can to send everybody home – in good shape – for Christmas.

As well as following all the official guidance, we have completed risk assessments regarding our school setting and planned Christmas events.

School Setting Actions

In addition to the preventative measures already in place, the following temporary extra measures have been applied:

- Morning breaktimes. Classes will have a designated place to play
- After school clubs to cease until the end of term. (This does not include Chilton Club Childcare)
- Class Collective Worship
- Lunch to remain split between KS2 and KS1/EY's.
- No singing
- Christmas cards to be delivered within classrooms
- A reminder to all our parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell.

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Events

With a heavy heart the decision has been taken to cancel some Christmas events in school. We have positive cases, Sika Class are currently out of school, we have a high proportion of sibling cross over and we also have some children off with normal winter illness. All these factors equal to a unpredictable run up to the end of term. As a result, the events that we are not able to offer are:

- The Sika class ballet trip
- The rehearsal and filming of our virtual Christmas service
- Christmas Surprises Day
- The choir singing at Tesco's

On Wednesday 15th December, we are going ahead with our Christmas Sparkle Day when the children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers to school and enjoy a special Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings and some extra surprises. Madame Zebedee is planning to deliver her Christmas Special French lessons and Innova8 will continue to deliver PE across the school, although PE must take place outside until the end of term.

We are planning a substitute for our filmed Christmas service and this will be made available to our families towards the end of next week. Whilst Christmas might not be happening as a whole school, rest assured over the next week, a variety of Christmas activities will be offered in each classroom, including a focus on the understanding of the Christmas Story and the messages that are contained within it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and understanding. I am hopeful that with all the measures we have put in place during this week and the decisions with regard to events we have taken, we will make it to the end of term in good health, ready to enjoy a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Kind regards

Katie Turner

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Headteacher

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