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A CHRISTMAS UPDATE

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is one of Holy Trinity's favourite times of the year, and we have many lovely things planned for our children to enjoy – we want to make Christmas as special as possible for them all this year.

Regretfully, I have to inform you that we will not be able to welcome parents and carers inside our school building for the remainder of this term. I understand that this will cause disappointment for many of you and I can assure you that, as a parent who has also received this news from my children's school today, I feel the same way. However, we have seen a recent increase in the number of positive Covid-19 cases within our community and a new variant that is causing significant concern. In response to this, since 1st November:

- We returned to daily Collective Worships online, using Google Meet, rather than in the hall.
- Reduced the number of children within the school hall for lunch at any one time.
- All staff meetings and training events are held online.
- We have reintroduced cleaning of regular touch spots throughout the school, three times a day.
- Windows and doors remain open to ensure the best possible ventilation.
- All staff are requested to wear face coverings in common areas around the school, and at the start and end of the school day.
- Visitors inside the school building are only permitted via prior appointment, and are restricted to no more than three people at a time. All visitors are requested to wear face coverings upon arrival.

So, what does this mean regarding the key Christmas events over the next few weeks?

- ∞ Thursday 2nd December at 3.15pm - **Christmas Band Jam**: this will be held outside, in the front playground. Parents can attend. Please, where possible, ensure only one member of your family attends this event.
- ∞ Friday 10th December at 3.30pm - **PTFA Christmas Fair**: this will be held outside. Parents can attend. Please, where possible, ensure only one member of your family attends this event.
- ∞ Monday 13th December at 9.30am - **Reception Nativity**: this will be live streamed (using Google Meet) and also recorded for parents to enjoy at a time convenient to them.
- ∞ Wednesday 15th December at 9.30am – **Journey to Bethlehem (Years 1-6) Christmas Performance**: this will be live streamed (using Google Meet) and recorded for parents to enjoy at a time convenient to them.

This decision is not one I have taken lightly, and has been taken in consultation with Public Health Lambeth, our Windmill and Lambeth Church of England Cluster schools. By taking this proactive step, we should ensure that the majority of our families get to the Christmas holiday period on 16th December healthy, safe and well. We all deserve an amazing holiday this winter. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding at this challenging time.

Kind regards,

Mr Winn