

1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

## R.E. Festive Performances

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do very much hope that this communication finds you well as we enter the final month of another challenging year.

You will doubtless be aware of recent Government announcements and changes to guidance which have reintroduced some previous Covid-19 safety measures, and of the new variant of concern which has emerged. Our staff are now, once again, wearing face coverings in areas of school which are not learning environments, and we continue to apply enhanced cleaning measures, ventilation and to encourage thorough hand-washing.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that as a Trust, we will continue to follow Government guidance and to keep parents informed of changes made.

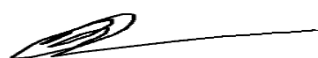
As our schools are now preparing for the end of term, I realise that this will raise some questions around nativities and other end of term performances.

To safeguard the health and well-being of all, Normanton Junior Academy will now provide their '*Carols Around the Tree*' service virtually and therefore this will not take place face to face. The school have also decided to postpone next week's planned Community Mornings and will look to reschedule these early next year.

Mr Welsh will send further information, shortly, about how the virtual carol service will be shared with parents and carers, as well as any other minor adaptations to the planned Christmas festivities. All other school-based Christmas activities, including the whole school trip to the Panto, are planned to still go ahead as normal.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your support, patience and understanding during the first term of this academic year. Any further updates will be communicated; however, I would like take this opportunity to wish you all the best for a restful and joyful festive season.

Yours sincerely



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