



## Staying COVID Safe

Dear Parents and families,

We have been awaiting updated guidance from Liverpool City Council regarding any changes caused by the recent increase in COVID across the city and also the impact of the new Omicron variant and specific rules related to that. Speke currently has the most COVID cases in the City.

We have conducted a risk assessment in relation to this new guidance and unfortunately, we are now unable to hold the Christmas face to face events onsite for parents and families. This means we will now film our Nativities and Christmas Ensembles and send a DVD home for families to watch at home over the Christmas period. This is also in line with the vast majority of primary schools in Liverpool who had already made this decision.

The main reason for this change is the potential impact on the health of our community and the business continuity of school. **The new guidance states that all contacts of a confirmed case of Omicron now have to isolate.**

Isolation for a large group of children and staff would have a huge impact on the welfare of all concerned and possibly leave us unable to fully open our school, depending on the number of staff who are then able to work. This could also impact on families' Christmas plans, potentially resulting in isolation through the Christmas period.

This decision is also based in the amount of controls we would have to have in place that would further limit the ability of these productions to be effective.

We are very mindful that our children and staff work very hard to produce our Nativities and ensembles and we will ensure that the school is able to watch these and celebrate them together in a safe way.

**With all of the above in mind, it is vital that visitors to site wear face masks to keep us all safe and school open, take up the offer of vaccination and manage our social distance.**

Please read our attached newsletter for an overview of our Christmas plans and celebrations.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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