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Dear Families,

25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

I am writing to provide our school community with an update as to how we have planned to journey together during Advent.

Very careful consideration has been taken in planning the attached Advent calendar in balancing the present COVID-19 situation with ensuring that our children, families and staff are able to journey together in this most sacred of seasons. To this end, we have sought the advice of our Trust's Health and Safety personnel who have approved the risk assessments. We ask that you please consider the following recommendations in order to keep everyone safe:

- Where possible, maintain social distancing.
- Be aware that it is a personal decision that you attend the performances.
- Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of COVID.
- If possible, carry out a lateral flow before attending.
- We will be limiting the time in the hall and therefore we will invite you in just before the start of the performances and ask that you leave promptly.
- The hall will be well ventilated, therefore expect it to be colder than usual and wear warm clothing.
- Please sanitise hands on entry to the hall.
- Wear a face covering for the duration of the performance - unless exempt.
- Numbers will be limited to 2 family members across the performances.

To ensure that families can keep these special memories of the Nativities, we will make sure that each child has a photograph taken and 'Parentmailed' to them. In addition to this, your child will be coming to school on one of the days in their Nativity costume, thus giving you the opportunity to take your own photos at home.

We are excited to be offering the opportunity for every year group's family to have the opportunity to watch your child taking part in a performance in the hall.

We also look forward to Christmas Arts and Crafts during the Christmas jumper day and your child is welcome to bring Christmas Cards in throughout Advent to give to their friends.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that we safeguard all members of the community.

As numbers of parents are limited, please use the following links to book your two tickets. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

<https://forms.office.com/r/G4nf3EQtUA>- Key stage one ticket booking form

<https://forms.office.com/r/rzSSL2JAI6>- Foundation stage ticket booking form

In prayer and partnership

Mrs J L Smedley

**"Outstanding relationships exist between all members of the school community"**

*Denominational Inspection Report Dec 2013*