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'Living in the LIGHT of Christ'

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New Variant COVID19

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the government announced that there have been reported cases of a new variant of COVID19 in the UK. Operating guidance for schools has not changed yet, although the government will be continuing to review and update guidance in the coming days and weeks. They have, however, issued advice on how to take additional precautions to keep our school community safe.

Christmas Fair & Nativity Performance

Despite the new variant, schools still have the green light to go ahead with festive events that are taking place, such as our Christmas Fair and the Nativity performances. We will, however, continue to monitor the current situation and respond to any updated government guidance accordingly. Fingers crossed, we can go ahead with all our festive plans, but our children and your safety will always come first. For any visitors or parents attending the school site, the government have stated the following:

1. Visitors to school should take a **Lateral Flow Test** before attending the school site. If positive do not attend school and take a PCR test.
2. Visitors to school should wear face coverings whilst inside the school building unless exempt. This means all adults attending the Christmas Fair & Nativity performances will be required to wear a face covering unless you are exempt.
3. The school should take precautions to ensure ventilation is as good as it can be. This will mean windows will be open during the Christmas Fair and Nativity performances so please wrap up warm when attending our school events.
4. We are increasing hand hygiene measures and require everyone to sanitise on arrival and wash their hands regularly.

The above measures are precautionary whilst the government assess the impact of the new variant. Should any further guidance or new restrictions come in, we will update you as soon as we can. Should the decision be taken to cancel any of our festive events we will update you as soon as reasonably possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rooney

Headteacher