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Dear Infant Parents and Carers,

Infant Production 2021

It is that time of year again when we start making preparations for our Christmas celebrations. This year the Infant children will perform a nativity called 'Baubles'. It is our hope that we will be able to welcome you into school to watch the performances in a safe way. In relation to this weekend's news regarding the Omicron variant of Covid-19 the advice on primary school control measures has not changed, therefore we are continuing with our plans for a live production. Please note, if the advice changes we may have to cancel the live performances. However, in case we are unable to go ahead with the live performances and for those parents who cannot attend, we have arranged for a professional cinematographer to record the Nativity and details of how you can access this will follow. Please would you follow this link to give your consent or non-consent for your child to be filmed <https://forms.office.com/r/6n8WPgAzNW>

As you are aware, to protect the health of our children, staff and families we constantly follow the advice of our Local Authority's public health team, Greater Manchester Health, the DfE and the UK Government.

As of 22 November 2021 Professor Kate Arden, Wigan Council's Director of Public Health, informed us that *'The current 7 day prevalence rate in the borough is 366.8 cases per 100,000, which is the second highest rate in Greater Manchester.'* Greater Manchester Health has informed us that *'Rates of Covid-19 across Greater Manchester remain high and rates amongst children and young people between 0-16 are the highest than any other age group.'*

Greater Manchester Health advises that it may be possible to welcome families to watch with *'repeated sittings/performances to reduce the total number of people present at any one time'* and as we only have 91 children in our infant department we believe we can do this across four performances.

Covid-19 restrictions permitting and providing we do not have an outbreak of Covid-19 in school, there will be four performances across two days as follows:

Friday 10 December 2021 at 10:00am and 2:15pm
Monday 13 December 2021 at 10:00am and 2:15pm

Entry will be free and by ticket only, which will be limited to a maximum of two per family for one performance only. As our infection control measures are based on restricting the number of people in the hall at any one time, you will be unable to bring other children with you unless they take up your ticket allowance, for example one adult and one child maximum, regardless of the child's age. To maintain a safe environment, minimise the mixing of people from different households and minimise the risk of infection to the children and staff it will not be possible to spread ticket allocations across multiple performances, neither will it be possible to give unused allocations to other families.

In addition, we will be following Greater Manchester Health advice that *'...face coverings are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where individuals may come into contact with people they don't normally meet'* as well as having all doors and windows open for ventilation, so you may want to wrap up warmly!

For the performances to go ahead in as safe a way as possible we request the following, which is advised by Greater Manchester Health:

- you take a lateral flow test before attending a performance to minimise the risk of bringing infection into school
- you wear a face covering at all times
- you do not attend a performance if you are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms or are unwell in any way
- you respect social distancing procedures
- you do not pass your tickets to anyone else
- you sanitise your hands on entry to the building
- you stay seated next to the adult accompanying you from your family
- you follow the instructions of staff on seating and entry/exit arrangements
- if you live in the same household as a positive case you do not attend unless you have had a negative PCR test in the last 24 hours

I realise that we are asking you to take a number of unprecedented steps to be able to attend a performance, but these are to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our school community which means we can keep our school open for all our children. Without these measures and your support in implementing them we would not be able to hold a live performance. These measures are put in place to protect everyone in our school community.

Please would you select your preferred performance and return the attached slip to your child's class teacher by Monday 6 December 2021 to allow us sufficient time to distribute the tickets. We will try our best to allocate you your preferred performance but, depending on demand, if a performance is oversubscribed we will draw applications from a hat. Applications for tickets after 6 December will be allocated tickets once the on-time entries have been allocated.

I really hope that we are able to welcome you to our performances to make precious memories and share with you what we call our champagne moments!

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

Mr S Hardaker
Headteacher

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Infant Performances 2021

My preferred Infant Performance is:

Please place a tick in the box next to your preferred performance

Friday 10 December 2021 at 10:00am		Friday 10 December 2021 at 2:15pm		Monday 13 December 2021 at 10:00am		Monday 13 December 2021 at 2:30pm	
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If tickets are not available for this performance my second preference is:

Friday 10 December 2021 at 10:00am		Friday 10 December 2021 at 2:15pm		Monday 13 December 2021 at 10:00am		Monday 13 December 2021 at 2:30pm	
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Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Name of people attending:

Person 1: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Person 2: _____ Relationship to child: _____

I have read and understood the school, public health and Greater Manchester Health advice for attendance at these events and agree to support school in following this advice.

Signature of parent/carer: _____

