



*St Francis of Assisi  
Church of England Primary School*

*“Live, love and learn together in the light of Christ.”*

Further Information Regarding Christmas Plans

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to provide further information regarding reasons for having Christmas plans as they are this year (please see the poster sent from school yesterday). Although the whole school would love for things to be back to more normality than we have planned, Stockton Local Authority and other authorities in the area have asked schools to try to reduce risk as much as possible with cases in school continuing to remain high at this current time.

When we hold Christmas performances, these involve between 52 and 60 children plus parents (up to 120) in a hall with a stage, and close seating so that all can view a performance. I do not feel that limiting numbers of adults for a performance to one per family is fair on parents/family members or the children performing. We are not able to limit children numbers to a class as do not have the capacity for rehearsals in one hall space.

By recording performances for families of younger children and/or organising singing outside for families, it will mean that children will still have the chance to perform, and parents will be able to still feel part of our Christmas celebrations. The outdoor singing sessions for Y1-Y6 will be held outside regardless of the weather.

We are holding parent information sessions for Reception and Year 1 this term. However, we have put measures in place such as reducing numbers to 30 parents or less and spreading out families throughout the whole of the hall space at any one time.

I would very much wish for performances and other family and school gatherings to go ahead in the future. There are a number of additional plans for the children this December and we hope that you will be able to join in all our celebrations.

Kind regards.

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