



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

I write with an update on how we are continuing to review and manage a potential outbreak of Covid within school, in light of the risks of the potential new variant and advice from the DfE.

## Face masks

Staff continue to wear face mask in shared spaces and we require that all adults visiting school wear a face covering too. I am sure you will support our school community in this as it helps to keep everyone safe. This means that all adults attending the nativity performances will be required to wear a face mask.

## Christingle

As part of our continued review to keep our children and school community as safe as possible, we have decided that only our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will take part in the evening Christingle. This decision was made after discussion with PHE and our Chair of governors. It has not been taken lightly, as we had hoped that all junior children would feel the love and joy of this Christian service. My apologies for any disappointment this may have caused.

## Nativity Tickets

Yet again, it has been a very difficult decision to 'ticket' the attendance of our Nativity plays. This has been part of our assessment in trying to limit the potential spread of Covid. I realise these events have historically been attended and enjoyed by many members of the extended family. However, on this occasion we are limiting tickets to two per family and will socially distance the seats and those places booked as much as possible. Please can I ask that all ticket requests are returned to school by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We will be filming the dress rehearsal and it will be available on your child's Seesaw account.

## Reindeer Run

Sponsor forms and details of the reindeer run will be sent out today. Pupils can wear a festive jumper, non-school uniform or sport clothes to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December to take part in the reindeer walk/jog/run. If anyone is feeling daring ... reindeer outfits, Christmas elves or santas are all welcome too! We want our pupils to enjoy a fun, active day to help raise funds for Jigsaw – Cumbria's Children's Hospice.

## Reading Café

A reminder that our reading café opens up tomorrow morning at 8am in the school hall. Please come along with your child/ren to join us in the school hall for a slice of toast and a cuppa whilst sharing a good book. In order to accommodate social distancing as much as possible, our classrooms will 'open' as spaces to share your books too. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Kind regards

Mrs L Smith  
Acting Headteacher