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*Together we can...
"Soar on wings like eagles,
Run and not grow weary,
Walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31*



Date: 9/12/21

Title: OMICRON, PLAN B AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS RISK ASSESSMENT

Dear Parents,

In line with Government advice, last week we updated our control measures for Christmas events, and today, following yesterday's announcement and today's guidance to schools, we have further updated our risk assessments. **Of course, as government guidelines and regulations change we will be required to adapt our measures, so these increased measures could well happen.** For the full details please read the table below, but otherwise here is a summary:

- Omicron variant – all individuals who are identified as close contacts of the Omicron variant, irrespective of vaccination will be required to self-isolate and book a PCR
- Attendance and the FOCBS Bingo – **this is now being done online**
- Confirmation that the Christingle service is cancelled
- Attendance at Nativities **(unlike other schools we are continuing with these):**
 - Encourage vaccination prior to the event
 - Do not attend if you have symptoms
 - Limited numbers (2 adults and their siblings as well per child in the production)
 - All attendees to wear masks, unless medically exempt
 - Handsan available
 - Social distancing / open doors for ventilation / CO2 monitors checking airflow
 - Register of attendees to support track and trace
 - All attendees are required to either: show their Covid pass showing vaccination, or their medical exemption, or to show a negative LFT from that day. **Attendance will be refused if unable to do so** (we will have a few LFTs available at the door which takes 30mins for a final reading in which case the production will have started).
 - **Entrance will be refused if displaying symptoms, regardless of age**
 - **If symptoms develop during the event the attendee will be asked to leave**

Regardless of individual views, please respect everyone's safety and enable all in our community to have a christmas with their family and friends, by following these measures with positivity and good nature. We would not like the lovely Nativity events to be spoiled for the children, parents and staff who have worked so hard.

The school has also updated it's contingency plans in the light of Omicron Variant and Plan B government strategy, including (as before) any partial closure / full closure that may be advised by Public Health / the Government.



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RISK FACTORS	CONTROL MEASURES TO CONSIDER	LOCAL APPLICATION OF MEASURES
Omicron Variant – increased risk of spread		
OMICRON VARIANT – PLAN B national measures	<p>All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.</p> <p>Schools are required to remain fully open even though the guidance from Government to other sectors is to work from home where possible.</p>	<i>Inform staff and parents of this change 9/12/21</i>
Threshold settings		
<p>For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:</p> <p>5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period</p> <p>10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period</p>	<p>Daily completion of Covid data to enable Public Health to have full information and be pro-active.</p> <p>Communicate directly as to local situation with Public Health and act on their advice as to local variations to the contingency plan.....</p> <p>Actions are dependent on local settings but could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blended learning • Adapting classes – increasing staff to pupil ratio whilst maintaining safety, merging some classes, utilising different spaces and having smaller distinct groups • Bubbles to return • Parents wearing masks on site, staggered times, different entrances • Partial closure of effected groups and remote learning for them • Full closure and remote learning 	Communicate directly as to local situation with Public Health and act on their advice as to local variations to the contingency plan.
Christmas Events Contingency		
Controlling specific events - FOCBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send strong pre-event messages to ensure staff/children/visitors who have Covid symptoms or who are self-isolating or feeling unwell do not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean areas where the symptomatic person was



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<p>mini-fayre (adults) and FOCBS decorations making (adults)</p> <p>- FOCBS Bingo (adults and children)</p> <p>- Nativity Production to parents</p>	<p>attend your event/activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind individuals of additional winter illnesses and that if unwell please avoid attending the event. Entry can be refused if symptomatic. Ask attendees if they are symptomatic for COVID-19 and turn away staff and participants with COVID-19 symptoms (temperature, cough, loss of taste/smell) or those who are known to be COVID-19 positive and are required to self-isolate. Plan for what to do if a person becomes symptomatic whilst at your event. Ask them to leave, return home to isolate and arrange a PCR test. Consider plans for cleaning of the area the symptomatic person was occupying. <p>SINCE THE PRODUCTION OF THIS RISK ASSESSMENT THE FOCBS SCHOOL HAVE DECIDED THE BINGO WILL NOW BE ONLINE – ALL MEASURES IN REALTION TO THIS SPECIFC EVENT HAVE BEEN SUPERCEDED</p>	<p>attending – we operate this on a daily basis already.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOCBS mini-fayre and decorations making – we followed all the guidance opposite, all volunteers wore masks, all volunteers did LFT testing, many volunteers were vaccinated, no volunteers with symptoms attended, areas were cleaned down after use FOCBS Bingo – information clear before the event, masks for adults, encouraging vaccination, attendance refused if symptomatic, suggested LFT before attending, no staff present to protect staff so avoiding contingency planning, Hall and toilets in use only (classrooms locked), deep clean after event that weekend, handsan, CO2 monitors and open doors / windows Nativity Productions – handsan, social

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		distancing and limited numbers, open doors and windows and CO2 monitors, LFT advised, no access if displaying symptoms, vaccination encouraged
Measures to reduce the chances of infected asymptomatic people attending your event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage all staff, eligible students, and visitors to be vaccinated. Expect all staff and students above secondary school age and visitors secondary school age and above to test regularly with lateral flow devices, and ask secondary school aged students and visitors to take an LFD test on the morning of the event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All actions opposite taken All staff double vaccinated and many have had 3rd booster already
Measures to control asymptomatic transmission: a) Aerosol and droplet transmission:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider ventilation and ensure it is adequate. Please consider how different parts of your event may have different densities of people and therefore different ventilation needs – for instance places where queues may form or where people may be tempted to crowd around to see something. Please consider whether CO2 monitor placement can assist you with monitoring ventilation adequacy. You may want to remind people to wear extra layers. Visitors to educational settings are now required to wear face coverings in communal areas https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schoolsduring-the-coronavirus-outbreak This would include events such as nativity plays for example. Good practice from events, is for the person leading the event to remind people to wear face coverings at the start of the event. Social distancing measures – consider what distance is needed and how this will be implemented i.e. marshalling, barriers, one-way routes, markers and signage, managed refreshment supply (if any). Avoid close contact activities between attendees e.g. face-painting. Think about the numbers of attendees and how you might protect your staff and students from the risk of transmission from guests (no backstage or front of house mixing for example). Depending on the event and where the size of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All actions opposite taken

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	<p>space being used to host the event, consider limiting the number of people each family is able to bring to two adults (plus their children).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep any background music to a level to enable guests to speak with each other without raising their voices or stepping closer. Maintain social distancing when groups of children are singing (especially the class teacher if facing the singing class). Increase space where possible between pupils and families, and groups of children that don't normally mix. Singers should sing side to side preferably, not facing each other and maintain distance. Hand washing facilities or hand sanitiser freely available, but particularly on entry and before and after touching shared surfaces, such as stalls or games. 	
B) Cleaning surfaces:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If using the same rehearsal space, then clean between each group presentation - allow time to air before concurrent use. Consider which surfaces will be touched more often, and whether some surfaces might need different cleaning regimes to others. Consider who will clean the surfaces during your event. Consider the practicalities of access to products and supplies the staff member will need. Consider the training they will need including checking whether products are effective against COVID-19 and adhering to instructions around contact time. <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All actions opposite taken Mr Basinger-Adams on the door for the Nativity production to turn away anyone with symptoms and check for LFT FOCBS Bingo – cleaning during the event is up to FOCBS to decide upon. Cleaning items will be made available in a box for the FOCBS to manage
Communication:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate your plans with prospective attendees and train your staff on your COVID-19 procedures and expectations. Share your COVID-19 risk assessment with staff and venue owners, if relevant. Communicate to staff what to do if a person becomes symptomatic whilst at the event. Communicate with students, families, and other potential visitors what your expectations are around COVID mitigation procedures and behaviours. Display signage to encourage hand hygiene, social distancing and use of face coverings where 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All actions taken



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Contact Tracing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We encourage the use of the NHS COVID Pass. The COVID Pass allows those attending events to prove that they are vaccinated against COVID-19, have a medical exemption, or have tested negative by a Lateral Flow Device shortly before the event takes place. • We recommend an NHS Test and Trace QR code is visible alternatively, a different system for recording attendees' contact details (e.g., attendees register). • After the event, warn and inform the community if a case has attended your event during their infectious period (2 days prior to symptoms or a positive test result). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of these strategies employed • Mr Basinger-Adams on the door for the Nativity productions to check covid passes / exemption / LFT • FOCBS Bingo – FOCBS to organise the checks they will undertake



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