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REF: Covid impact of Christmas activities

Dear Parents,

The Director of Public Health in Croydon, has this afternoon issued new guidance for schools due to the fact that: *At the current time COVID-19 cases in Croydon continue to be high and although case rates are not as high as other areas, we are seeing cases rise markedly in school-age children and this is impacting for students and staff in affected settings. Some schools have started to experience challenges with staffing capacity as a result.*

In light of this the DPH has asked that, with effect, from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December- **all Christmas performances that allow parental attendance, are cancelled.**

This means that the following decisions have reluctantly been made;

- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nativity concert scheduled for Thursday morning at 9.30am will not be able to go ahead.** The Infant Nativity has already been filmed and will be made available online within our school community.
- The Reception Carol Concert will not be able to go ahead at this time with parents in attendance, but will be videoed and made available online within our school community.
- We will take further advice with regard to whether The Junior Carol Concert can be performed and videoed, in light of current restrictions. We will inform parents about this as soon as we can.

I know that you will be greatly disappointed not to be able to attend these events, but would ask for your understanding that, while current advice from schools coming from central government and the Department for Education, is conflicting, we do need to have regard for our own local public health advice to schools, which has been issued this afternoon.

Please accept my sincerest apologies, I do understand and share your disappointment.

Yours sincerely

Mr Campbell

Head teacher