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Christmas and Covid Update







We have lots of wonderful Christmas events coming up over the next two weeks and given the increase in coronavirus cases nationally, and the presence of a new variant, we want to put measures in place to ensure that these events can continue to go ahead, whilst keeping children, parents, carers, staff and the school community safe.

To achieve this we are putting into place some precautionary safety steps that will be kept under review and any changes will be communicated as promptly as possible.

Staff in school are reminded to take Lateral Flow Covid tests twice per week and staff have returned to wearing face coverings when walking around the school and in communal areas, as the updated guidance recommends. Windows will be kept open in classrooms to promote better ventilation, as such we would advise sending your children into school with additional layers of clothing.

Although masks are not required when outdoors, we would like as many parents and carers as possible to wear masks when on the school grounds, as drop off and pick up times can get crowded.

Below is a list of dates with our upcoming festive activities and steps we are going to take/ask parents and carers to take where applicable, in order for them to go ahead successfully.

Date	Event	School/parent and carer requirements
Friday 3 rd December	Non-uniform day	 This Friday will be a non-uniform day to support the Hillstone Xmas Market. Please send in donations of chocolates, toiletries, gifts, bottles of wine etc..
Tuesday 7 th December	Christmas Choir Concert – St Paul’s Church	 The school will abide by guidance advised by St Paul’s Church
Wednesday 8 th December	Yr 1 Nativity at Southfields Farm	 Face coverings must be worn by anyone travelling to the event on the school minibus  We would ask those joining us for these events to take a Lateral Flow Covid Test on the day, before attending





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Thursday 9 th December	AM: RN Nativity PM: RC Nativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  We are able to accommodate a limited number of people:  3 tickets per child - must be booked in advance using the booking form which will be sent out by the end of the week  We would ask those joining us to take a Lateral Flow Covid Test on the day, before attending  Masks must be worn throughout the duration of the Nativity  We are sadly unable to host our usual café this year
Friday 10 th December	Hillstone Christmas Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  This year we are taking the Christmas fair outside and having a true 'German Market' style fair!  Wrap up warm and bring an umbrella just in case!  Masks will be required for any indoor activities such as Santa's Grotto  You may also feel more comfortable wearing a face covering in the crowds  Santa and the 'Hillstone Express Train' must be paid for and booked in advance, via Scopay
Tuesday 14 th December	Yr 3 Nativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  We are only able to accommodate a limited number of people :  2 tickets per child that must be booked in advance using the booking form which will be sent out by the end of the week  We would ask those joining us to take a Lateral Flow Covid Test on the day, before attending  Masks must be worn throughout the duration of the Nativity.  We are sadly unable to host our usual café this year
Wednesday 15 th December	Nursery Nativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  We are only able to accommodate a limited number of people :  2 tickets per child that must be booked in advance using the booking form which will be sent out by the end of the week  We would ask those joining us to take a Lateral Flow Covid Test on the day, before attending  Masks must be worn throughout the duration of the Nativity  We are sadly unable to host our usual café this year





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Wednesday 15 th December	School Christmas Dinner Day	
Friday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties	



**Wishing you all a safe and merry
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