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## Christmas Concert Letter Dated- 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This is a follow up to the letter sent out regarding the Christmas Concert on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Working alongside Coagh Presbyterian Church we have decided that with the new Omicron variant and cases of Covid increasing locally we need to 'amend' our plans for our planned Christmas Carol Service this year.

We are planning to run a 'live' performance at 1pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December in Coagh Presbyterian Church. This 'live' performance would only be for parents/carers ('Family pairs'- Two 'tickets' per family) of those pupils currently in P1 and P2. The reason for selecting these two classes is because these parents/carers have not had an opportunity before to see their child(ren) in a School Christmas Concert and we still need to strictly adhere to guidelines in terms of numbers of 'family bubbles' within the Church. These 30 P1 and P2 'family pairs' will allow for social distancing while still enabling all the pupils (P1-P7) to perform in front of a 'live audience'.

This 'live' performance will be recorded and uploaded for all families at school to watch either via Seesaw or our school YouTube channel like last year.

## Arrangements for Christmas Carol Service on 16<sup>th</sup> December

When arriving for the Christmas Carol Service please make your way to the front door of the Church just before 1pm. Hand sanitiser and masks will be available at the front door. You will be shown to your seat (Seats will be allocated on arrival). During the Carol service we would ask that all members of the audience wear a 'face covering' at all times. Windows and doors will be open to circulate 'fresh air' so please bring a warm jacket as it will be 'cooler' than usual inside the church.

\*If you have been displaying any Covid symptoms or have been asked to isolate by PHA please do not attend. \*

We would encourage you to make use of lateral flow tests prior to attending the Christmas Carol Service for your own 'piece of mind'. If you would like some lateral flow test kits these are available from school-please contact the school office or email me ibayne452@c2kni.net and we can send an unopened pack home with your child.

\*\*We will NOT be asking for Covid Certificates or evidence of negative test results before entering the church for the Carol Service\*\*

**Social Distancing**- Strict 'social distancing' will be in place within the church and you should only sit in your 'family pair' in the seat allocated on arrival. Please avoid gathering in groups outside of your own 'family pair' when waiting outside the church before the start and end of the service.

While this is not an ideal situation we do hope that you can understand our predicament and the rationale behind the decisions made especially with restricting the audience to 'family pairs' from P1 and P2.

If you have any concerns/questions, please contact Mr Bayne in the school office or email <a href="mailto:ibayne452@c2kni.net">ibayne452@c2kni.net</a>

Yours sincerely,

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