

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Families

You may have noticed that staff are back to wearing face coverings on our school gate. This is a precautionary measure, in order to reduce the spread of all bugs, but especially COVID.

I have made a few changes to the routines at school so that risks are minimised:

- Pupils will stay in bubbles.
- Collective worship and assemblies will be streamed across the school once more.
- Two socially distanced classes in the school hall for dinners.



We ask that you all cooperate with some simple measures in order to keep the spread of this to an absolute minimum by wearing face coverings on our school site.

If your child is unwell, please look for signs of COVID. Take their temperature and consider using a rapid flow test. We have plenty of these in school if you need a kit.

I will not change the times for the school opening and collecting, but ask that you all wear a face covering. Additionally, please wear a face covering if you need to come into the school office area and use some hand sanitizer. We know the routines by now. It is such a shame that we are all back at this point. But, I know that I can depend on us all working together as we persevere and find our way through another disruption. Keep smiling!

As we learn more about this new strand of COVID, I will continue to carry out risk assessments and keep you informed.

Christmas parties will carry on as planned, as will the Christmas fair, and hopefully the Nativity Service.

Please be super vigilant and cooperate with our systems in place.

Christmas Nativity Service – St George's Church. UPDATE

I have given the issue of restricted tickets some thought, and hope that I have come up with the best compromise possible in order to enable all our families to attend. I really do not want anyone to miss out.



So, in order to try to avoid disappointment, there will be two services as follows:

Monday 13th December – School Hall – 2 p.m.
Europe (Reception) & Africa (Year 1)

Tuesday 14th December – St George's Church (2 p.m.)
Antartica (Year 2)



Year 2 pupils will lead in the Nativity play and our younger pupils will join in the singing. This enables our younger children to aspire for their turn in the limelight!

I hope you all agree, that this is the fairest way we can address the conundrum.

Again, thank you for your support and cooperation. I really hope that we all enjoy our Christmas season during Advent.

Heavenly Father,

You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent causes us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos.

Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that passes understanding.

That first Christmas, when you sent your Son, you sent the one who is called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Even the angels cried out, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." The angels knew your purpose. They know the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love that Christmas held.

They recognized that the fullness of God was wrapped in the tiny flesh of an infant as you humbled yourself and dwelt among us.

Emmanuel. God with us as the baby Jesus.

AMEN



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