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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Events

I am sure you will understand that the announcement of the Omicron variant of Covid—19 has led to many schools deciding to cancel events. We have therefore taken the difficult decision to postpone the Christmas Fair until the spring term. A Spring Fair in the playground will be safer and frankly, warmer, for everyone.

However, the advice from Camden and Public Health is not to cancel events if we can mitigate risk. We will therefore go ahead with the Nativity performance on Thursday 9th December at 2pm in school. **We will need to restrict numbers at this performance so only one parent per child can attend. Out of respect to staff and others, please follow this guidance.** If you do wish to attend, please confirm this with Pam: admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk and **please be prepared to wear a face covering** as you enter the building. Windows and doors will be open and so layer up as well.

Similarly, we will go ahead with the Carol Service at St Benet's at 6pm on Thursday 9th December. Again, please be prepared to wear a face covering. Doors and windows will be open, so dress accordingly.

I understand that some of you will be disappointed that we have had to postpone the Christmas Fair but by doing so we believe we can keep more people safe and protect your Christmas. My thanks to Charlotte Pelzer and others from The Friends of KTS for their work behind the scenes in preparation for the fair.

By keeping numbers in the audience down and by wearing a face covering, you can help us to go ahead safely with the Nativity and the Carol Service. If guidance changes then I will inform you as soon as possible.

Guidance Regarding Testing

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature (37.8 and above)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- loss or change in taste or smell (things taste or smell different or not at all)

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test.

We also have many of the LFD — lateral flow test devices in school and you can collect these at any time. Regular testing of yourselves and your children will help to pick up asymptomatic cases where there are no symptoms.

Parents' Evenings

Many thanks to those of you who attended meetings this week. If you have not done so then please email Pam: admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk. You can arrange a 10 minute Zoom meeting at a mutually convenient time, if that works better for you. We do aim to meet with all parents and carers.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher