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## **Christmas at Bishopswood**

Dear Parents/Carers

As December is just round the corner and the time for carols, tinsel and festive cheer is upon us, I write to share our plans for this year's Christmas activities.

This year we are having to make changes to our normal Christmas events in order to keep everyone safe and ensure that when the holidays do arrive that everyone can enjoy them. When assessing risks, we have to weigh up the likelihood of events going ahead; if they do go ahead, what is the likelihood that we could see an outbreak of Covid 19 following that event; and how much disruption would these events cause to the children's education after 18 months of significant disruption.

Therefore, we have made the decision that we will not be holding any events that involve inviting parents into school. It is our view that gathering numbers of children and adults into the hall to sing is still too much of a risk at this moment in time. The number of new Covid cases per day is still over 40,000 and it was only 2 weeks ago that we had full protective measures in place at the Junior School following an outbreak. Although I would love to share a normal Christmas in school with you, I think it is more important that as many children as possible are healthy and not having to isolate for 10 days either at the end of term or over the Christmas Holidays themselves.

We will still make this Christmas special for the children and have activities planned which are detailed on the next page. We also want to share in the festive celebrations with yourselves this year, but we will be moving them outside. Therefore, we will be holding Christmas Carol concerts for the different year groups outside and for Year R we will be filming their Nativity and placing the film on Seesaw for you to access.

I fully appreciate that these changes will disappoint some parents, my own children's schools are having to make similar decisions. Hopefully you can understand the rationale behind these decisions.

I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mr G Golding  
Executive Headteacher

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Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.