

1st November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

New COVID Guidance For Schools

Over the weekend, the Prime Minister introduced new measures for the country. Following this, the Department for Education issued updated guidance for schools. Please see the updates from the guidance:

- Staff and visitors will wear face coverings in communal areas unless exempt. Face coverings are not required to be worn in the classrooms by staff or children.
- Windows and doors opened for ventilation regularly but we will ensure the classrooms remain at a comfortable temperature.
- Staff are encouraged to test themselves with a lateral flow test twice a week.
- Good hygiene habits are encouraged amongst the children with regular hand washing, sanitising and using tissues when needed.
- High standard of cleaning in classrooms.
- Assemblies have been smaller or been virtual as required.
- If your child exhibits Covid symptoms, please follow the advice issued in our flow chart.
- Designated exit and entry gates at HISN when dropping off and collecting children.
- The new guidance reiterates that primary aged children should not be tested unless they have symptoms.

Other than this, we hope your child's school day will continue unaffected. High quality face to face education remains our priority and in the best interests of the children. If further measures are needed, we will keep you informed.

We still plan to go ahead with the Christmas performances at HISN and the HJS carol concert at St Mary's Church on the same dates and at the same times as previously communicated. We will, however, keep this under review and will amend arrangements further if necessary.

Information for Christmas performances at HISN

We look forward to welcoming you to school, please queue outside the main entrance and we will open the doors 10 minutes prior to the performance starting. Please do not bring younger children if possible.





Photographs can be taken before and after the performance but as the show has been recorded we request you do not film this performance at all.

- All performances are 1 ticket per family, this will limit the audience to 60.
- Visitors should wear face coverings unless exempt.
- Please do not attend if you are unwell.

Information for the HJS carol concerts at St Mary's Church, Hampton - Tuesday 7th December

We are pleased to welcome you to a lower school (9.30am) and then upper school performance (10.45am). We have split the performances this year as the school is now too big to fit into the church.

Please do not arrive too early, as you will need to queue outside. The audience will be asked to go upstairs in the church. If this is difficult for you, please speak to a member of staff on the door.

- Both performances are 1 ticket per family.
- St Mary's have advised us that wearing a face covering is a personal choice.
- Please do not attend if you are unwell.

All planned Christmas activities will continue at both schools including Christmas shopping for children, parties and lunches. The year 6 children will be hosting their Christmas market for the rest of the school so please make sure you have purchased tokens for your child to enable them to participate.

Thank you for your continued support during this time.

Yours sincerely

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