



# Hezlett Primary School

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Principal: Mrs D Winters

Dear Parent,

07/12/21

It is with a heavy heart that I have taken the decision to cancel our planned Christmas events and move them online. As you are aware we have had a worrying spike in Covid cases in school this week and PHA are now involved.

Our P1-3 performance did involve the children from those classes mixing together on the stage and we feel that that is something that we must now avoid to ensure the spread of the virus is minimised. Parts of the performance will be filmed with the children in costume, in their class bubble, and posted on the school website for you to enjoy. The children will miss out on their audience, but that is unavoidable at this point. Ticket money will be refunded by Parent Pay etc.

The greatest number of positive cases of Covid are in our P4-7 classrooms. Again, I have decided that having those children in school for longer than the school day is unwise at this time, as is gathering a large number of parents, regardless of mask wearing or not. The planned programme will now be filmed and posted on the school website for you to enjoy. A poor substitute I know, but again, the best we can do under the circumstances. We will hold our fundraiser for The Red Cross at a later date.

As Hockey Club and Cycling Club involve mixing class bubbles, Thursday clubs this week are cancelled and pupils will be refunded.

We had intended to take the whole school to the cinema on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and letters about that were to be sent home today. This trip has been cancelled, and the pupils will have a 'cinema experience' in their own classrooms instead.

This is as disappointing for school staff as it is for the children, and for you. We were hopeful for a near normal Christmas experience in school this year, but current developments have made that impossible. Regardless, we will strive to make the run up to Christmas in school as enjoyable as possible for our pupils. School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day will go ahead next Wednesday with a few minor adjustments.

Yours sincerely

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