

**NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
ERICA WAY HORSHAM WEST SUSSEX RH12 5XL**

Friday 26 November 2021

Dear Parent/s and Carer/s,

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In response to high and rising Covid-19 levels, on Wednesday this week, West Sussex Schools received the following from Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education and Skills for West Sussex:

Schools may not be able to invite parents and friends into the school to be a part of these (Christmas) events this year in the way that they would traditionally have been. ... I would ask that you continue to do what you can to reduce the risk of accelerating transmission, especially as cases are currently so high in West Sussex.

Whilst there is currently no national guidance on this, we have to bear in mind the prevalence of cases and current transmission rates in Horsham and West Sussex.

Considering our duty of care for the children and staff at school, as well as our wider community ahead of the Christmas holiday period, we have decided that:

- Reception Christmas performances will be split between two days, with Apple parents invited from 9.30 – 10.15 AM on Tuesday 14 December and Plum parents invited from 9.30 – 10.15 AM on Wednesday 15 December
- All Christmas performances for years 1-6 will be shared electronically rather than in person to parents
- There will be no additional performances to grandparents

Although we appreciate that this may cause disappointment, in the current situation, this is the best decision for the health of all.

Due to the ever-changing situation, we may also need to put other measures in place and will continue to keep you informed in as timely a manner as possible.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and for completing the necessary GDPR permission papers which will shortly come your way.

Kind regards

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Headteacher