



# Newport Church of England Junior School

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

I hope you are keeping well.

I am really disappointed to have to write this letter and completely understand the disappointment it will also bring to yourselves and the children. Please know that as a school team we will do everything we can to offer as much as we can for the children...

Unfortunately we currently have a number of COVID cases in both 4P and 4NJ that have now hit a threshold for action. The Telford and Wrekin Health Hub have contacted us and stated that we cannot hold an indoor performance for Year 4 **and** that 4P and 4NJ cannot go to the pantomime. Their assessment of the cases is that the risk of transmission is too great and therefore coach travel, sitting in audiences etc. presents too much risk to the community.

Therefore:

**\*The Year 4 full performance will now be filmed and sent to you as a recording on an unlisted You Tube video. (If your child does not have permission to appear in this and you wish them to then please return the letter you will have received by tomorrow.)**

**\*At 2pm on the afternoon of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December Year 4 will perform highlights of their performance on the school playground which we anticipate will last 20mins approx. The same guidance applies as indicated for indoor performances:**

\*Strictly one adult per NJS child. STRICTLY NO siblings will be permitted. Please don't bring along any siblings as we will unfortunately have to turn you away which will be disappointing for you and your child.

\*We ask that no one attends the performance who is displaying COVID symptoms: cough, loss of taste/smell or temperature.

\*Please wear a face covering. (If you are exempt from wearing a face covering please wear a lanyard to indicate this).

\*Please sanitise your hands on arrival and sit in the allocated seats as positioned (chairs will be distanced).

\*We would prefer that all audience members take an LFT test the day of the performance.

\*Please wrap up warm as we will be outside for the duration!

\*We will ask that you leave site following the performance and then collect your children at 3.15pm as usual.

**\*4J can currently attend pantomime on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We will advise you should this change.**



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**\*4P and 4NJ cannot attend pantomime. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December please can they attend for school in pyjamas/comfortable clothing/onesies/dressing gowns/leisure wear and bring a sleeping bag/blanket, slippers and cushion or pillow (don't worry if there is anything you don't have just bring what you can). We are planning an alternative to the pantomime which we hope the children will enjoy. (We will arrange a refund for the amount you have paid towards this visit and this will be returned to you before the end of term.)**

I apologise again for the disappointment. It is typical that we have had many weeks of very few cases and the week before Christmas activity cases escalate. The school unfortunately has been directed by the Health Hub and we have to follow this instruction.

Please support each other and the school staff with this news. Please understand that school staff are also impacted with ill health and we are doing our very best as a team. We send our best wishes to all of our staff and children currently in isolation: we look forward to seeing them soon.

Take care

Nicola Moody  
Head teacher