

Waveney Valley Partnership



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Dear Parent/Carers,

I am writing to you with regards to arrangements for Christmas performances at our Schools. It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to let you know that we have taken the decision to film our Christmas performances and hold Carol services within School.

This isn't a decision that we have taken lightly and we have used the DFE and Suffolk County Council guidance to support us with this decision. Our rationale is as follows:

- We want to manage pupils' and families' expectations, so pupils know in advance who they will be performing too. With Suffolk County Council tiered system if linked cases arise in school the performance may have to be cancelled at the last minute, leading to disappointment.
- Suffolk County Council is still issuing the guidance for essential visitors only on site.
- Making the decision now will allow staff to work towards obtaining the best possible recording for the performance.

If you have previously indicated in GDPR permissions that you do not want your child filmed the school will be in contact to confirm that this is still the case - for the production only. The performances will be shared via the school Google Classroom platform.

We know that Christmas performances are a special time for families to enjoy, but we hope that you will understand and support our decision to try and keep our pupils, families and staff as safe as we possibly can, as well as balancing this with managing pupils' expectations.

Best wishes

Susie Collins
Academy Head

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