

7 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Pre-Prep (Nursery-Year 2) Covid-Secure Arrangements – December 2021**

Further to Mr Hewlett's announcement this evening, I would like to take the opportunity to share with you how disappointed we all are with the necessary amendments we have had to make to these final days of term. We appreciate, as always, the ongoing support and cooperation of our parents to ensure that school remains a safe, secure and happy place for our pupils. Please also let me provide you with some reassurance that it would take a great deal more than this to dampen our Christmas enthusiasm and we have every intention of making the final few days of term as (safely) festive as a Junior School can be!

The purpose of this letter is to highlight any change of arrangements to Pre-Prep year groups (Nursery-Year 2). I can confirm that due to there being only one positive case in Pre-Prep currently, there are very few amendments I need to highlight and school will continue in much the same way in these year groups. No advice has been given for us to reintroduce the majority of Covid-secure measures, as we have been required to do in Prep year groups.

Please be aware that staff have been advised to ensure that there is good ventilation in classrooms, with windows and doors left open. We therefore advise that your child wears suitable layers underneath their uniform and we will allow them to keep coats on in class if they are feeling cold. We request that you ensure they bring their school coat, hat and scarf in each day.

All Pre-Prep pupils will be required to enter via the Headmaster's House Gate during their usual drop-off time (0820-0835). This is the same gate that Nursery and Reception usually enter, whereas Year 1 and 2 would usually enter via the Junior School Field Gate. If your child is in Year 1 or 2, please do direct them to their new entrance. Collection timings, locations and arrangements will remain the same.

It is with great regret that we have had to cancel our Reception-Year 2 production upon advice that all events should be cancelled and that singing can lead to higher rates of transmission. We are relieved that the professional recording took place yesterday and can confirm that no parents will be charged for this recording, as initially planned. The College will pay the full cost of the recording and all parents will be sent the link, free of charge.

I can also confirm that the following additional events have also been cancelled:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Thursday 9 December	Junior School Carol Service
Friday 10 December	The Friends of St Dunstan's Christmas Fair
Tuesday 14 December	House Christmas Challenge

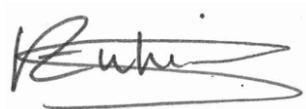
In better news, I can confirm that Santa visits **will** take place on Friday 10 December and Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will be going ahead on Wednesday 15 December. Full refunds will be made for any cancelled events where tickets were required in advance. We

will confirm whether the Year 1 school trip to the Albany Theatre on Wednesday 15 December can continue to go ahead by the end of this week.

Munchkins will also be taking place as planned tomorrow afternoon for Pre-Prep pupils and this will be the final Forder Programme activity of the term, apart from LAMDA lessons, which will continue for those registered.

We will be discussing this with pupils tomorrow in classes, but please do share this news with them if you are able to in advance. We understand how upsetting it will be for them and please let me reassure you this will be handled sensitively by our teachers and the Junior School staff. We will do all that we possibly can to celebrate the end of a hugely successful term with them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Whitwood', with a horizontal line underneath.

Miss L Whitwood  
**Head of Junior School**