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Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: Covid 19 updates implications for schools.**

I am writing to you regarding the implications for school following the Covid updates announced last weekend.

As you know, on Saturday 27 November. [the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures](#) to “buy more time” for our scientists to understand the situation regarding the new Omicron variant of the Covid virus. The temporary introduction of new control measures have been in place since 4am Tuesday 30 November. These include, contact tracing and isolation changes, and face coverings.

To keep our staff, pupils, parents and visitors as safe as possible in the coming weeks, the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust are recommending that the following measures be implemented:

- Staff will be asked to wear face coverings in communal places around the school.
- All visitors to our school will be asked to wear face coverings.
- We recommend that parents wear face coverings when dropping off in the mornings and picking up at the end of the day.
- Prior to attending any Celebration Assemblies or Christmas productions, parents should take a Lateral Flow Test and during the events, parents will be required to wear a face covering.
- Attendance at in school events will be by strict invitation only to limit the number of visitors in school.

At this moment in time, we are hoping to run our Christmas productions and activities as planned, however, if there is an outbreak of Covid within the school and we have to implement our ‘Outbreak Management Plan,’ This is likely to include:

- Our Nativity plays and carol service will be moved online and parents will not be able to attend any events in person
- The Christmas Discos will be cancelled/rescheduled
- The panto will be cancelled/rescheduled

We will only do this as a last resort but please be aware that messages regarding such measures may be last minute due to the nature of the virus and how it spreads within the school environment.

In relation to our Nursery stay and play and our Reception and Year 1 nativities, **tickets will be limited to 2 per family** and will only be open to those who have children in those year groups. Each class will only be invited to one performance. Please see timetable below for more detail:

Nursery	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December – 9am	All parents/family members – 2 per child
Reception	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December - 2pm	Parents/family member of children in Mrs Whittle’s Class
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December - 10am	Parents/family member of children in Mrs Dickinson’s Class
Year 1	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am	Parents/family member of children in Miss Sweeney’s Class
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – 2pm	Parents/family member of children in Miss Clarke’s Class

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On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, your child will come home with two tickets for you. Please ensure you hand your ticket in at the door when you come to the nativity performance.

I would like to thank you all for all the support you have given school this term and hope and pray that we can get to the Christmas holidays with as little disruption as possible. I will keep you informed should there be any serious outbreaks in the next three weeks.

Kind regards,

Celine Toner