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**Gipsy Hill
Federation**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas activities and performances

We are writing to you following a briefing that we attended with Lambeth Public Health. They have advised schools to carefully risk assess upcoming Christmas activities and performances and to make decisions at a school level taking into account the context of the school - this might include the number of positive cases, whether threshold has been met regarding any potential outbreaks, the school building - access points, ventilation etc.

We are committed to doing everything possible to ensure that all our pupils are able to access a broad range of educational opportunities, including involvement in performances and enrichment activities and that you, as their families, are able to be as involved as possible.

With the number of cases rising and the new Variant of Concern, we will be further reviewing our risk assessments and it is possible that adjustments might need to be made to the Christmas plans. This might need to look different at the different schools across the federation. We will also need to be responsive to a fast-changing situation and whilst we will do everything possible to give you and your children as much notice as possible in case of any changes to the arrangements, it is also possible that we might need to make adjustments in response to information we receive at short notice.

Where you will be coming on site, we have also been advised to encourage the following:

- wearing of face masks by parent attending any events
- any parents/carers attending an event to do a lateral flow test prior to attending the event
- any parent/carers attending an event who have been identified as a close contact, even if fully vaccinated, to not attend as a precaution

We thank you in advance for supporting the difficult decisions that our schools are having to make on a day-to-day basis to ensure the continued smooth and safe-running of the school during this pandemic.

Best wishes,

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