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COVID-19 Safety Top-tips for Nativities and the Festive Period.

COVID-19, in multiple variants, is still at large, particularly within the wider community where we are seeing high numbers of infections. In the interests of keeping our pupils, staff and other visitors safe from the risk of transmission at St Joseph's, we kindly request that all visitors over the age of 11 take a rapid asymptomatic Lateral Flow Test (LFT), which presents a negative result, before entering the school site for Nativity productions.

If you are unable to get rapid LFT kits from your local council venues, school, workplace or a local pharmacy, packs can be ordered from here:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

If you cannot order online, please call 119.

Remember:

LFTs are to be used only where there are **no symptoms** present and as a precaution. It is advised they are used before periods of high risk such as large events or parties to help prevent transmission as much as possible and help protect those around you, especially if there are elderly or vulnerable individuals attending.

If you do have symptoms or feel unwell, it's important that you **stay at home** and order a PCR test by visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or calling 119. Please wear a face covering in the school building unless exempt – the Omicron & Delta variants are highly transmissible, particularly inside.

Bring hand sanitiser for you and your family to use before you enter the school building and as you leave or use the sanitiser provided by school. Remind children (and adults!) to wash their hands with soap and water when they can and when they get home.

Open the windows and ventilate if you are car-sharing to and from an event and consider wearing a face covering (unless exempt).

If you or someone in your household is pregnant or particularly high-risk, please take extra care if attending large events over the festive period, especially if you are unvaccinated.



We can all play our part in helping to keep safe this winter:

- Get your COVID-19, booster and flu jabs, if and when you can
- Remember to ventilate where you can or wrap up warm and meet outside
- Continue to wash your hands regularly with soap and water
- Wear a face covering in busy or enclosed spaces (unless exempt)
- Do a rapid Lateral Flow Test (LFT) before periods of high risk
- Be kind and respect people's personal choice
- Know your risk and be socially responsible if visiting the vulnerable or elderly.

Let's keep life moving and make this winter one to remember for all the right reasons...





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