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Dear parent/carers,

The Christmas spirit is being fully embraced at Newchurch with Christmas songs being sung, decorations being made and the inevitable glimmer of glitter adding a little sparkle to every classroom carpet!

Following the increase in COVID cases and the implementation of the Outbreak Management Plan earlier in the half term, we needed to consider the viability of the Christmas Fair and the Christmas Plays. After observing the number of cases last week, we feel that we are able to go ahead with our planned festive activities with some restrictions to mitigate any potential risks. A full risk assessment will be made available on the school website tomorrow.

In conjunction with Public Health England, the Local Authority has issued guidance to schools on how to ensure the Christmas festivities can go ahead whilst being COVID-aware.

Therefore, prior to any event you are attending, please could we ask that all attendees take a Lateral Flow Test. Please pass this information to all attendees. As we have found out recently, COVID can present as asymptomatic and taking a Lateral Flow test will ensure the safety of all those attending the events. You will not be asked for proof of the outcome of the test and it goes without saying that should you have any COVID symptoms or you feel generally unwell, we ask that you stay at home. If you have a member of the family in the household who is currently positive, we have been advised to ask any members of the household to remain at home.

Christmas Plays

In order to reduce the numbers of people in the hall during the performances and to mitigate any risks, we will be providing each child with two tickets, **one** for each performance. You may swap between families if needed. Admittance to the performances will be ticket only. Should you forget your ticket, then you will be asked to wait until everyone with one has been admitted and then if there is a space, you will be allowed entry.



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Christmas Fair

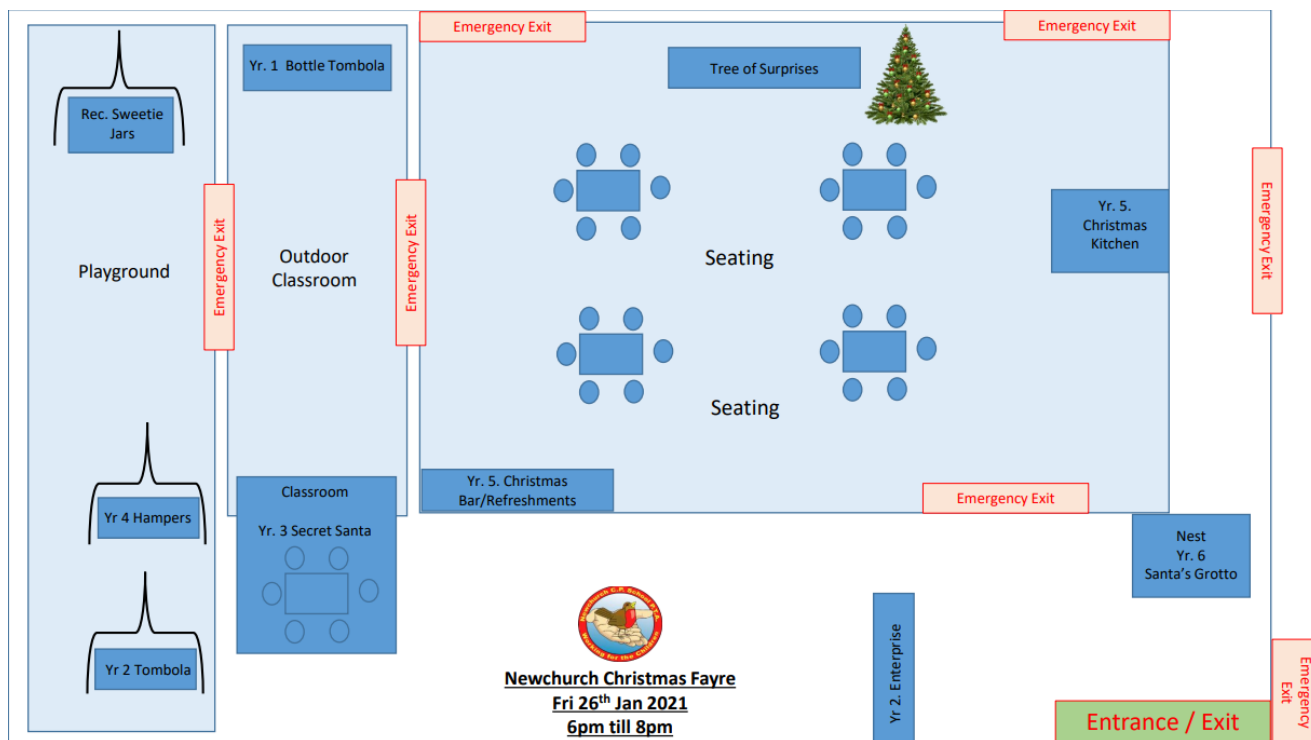
The Christmas Fair will go ahead as planned but will look different to how it has in the past. In order to manage the space and mitigate pinch-points where queues may occur, the stalls will be both indoors and outdoors so you will need to don those woolly bob hats, gloves and scarves. We are very excited about this as one of our grandparents is going to add a little extra festive magic with some outdoor Christmas lighting so hopefully it will feel like you are at the Christmas markets.

In order to manage the flow of bodies through the school, we will be admitting families from one household through the entrance at short intervals. If you are intending to attend the Christmas Fair, please can you complete this short google form so we can see what numbers are like and ensure the risks are mitigated: <https://forms.gle/pseJN272Zgr31v2T7>

We ask that you move around the fair as a family, keeping any children close by at all times and use hand sanitiser regularly.

Here is the plan of how the stalls will be set out:





Santa's Grotto

The PTA have organised for our special seasonal visitor to attend the Christmas Fair. Bookings for families can be made using the Teachers2Parents. The site will be available for bookings at 2pm today.

If you have more than one child, please just book one slot in the name of the eldest child and indicate how many children will be visiting Santa in the notes section. Please can you also inform us of any allergies to ensure the children receive an appropriate gift from Santa again using the notes function.



CHRISTMAS FAIR MENU

Santa's Nachos - £2.00

Beef or Veg Chilli, with Nachos, cheese, Salsa, & Guacamole

Rudolf's Nachos - £1.00



Plain Nachos served with cheese and salsa & Guacamole



Mrs Santa's Chilli- £1.50

A bowl of Beef or Vegetable Chilli



Red Robin Waffle - £1.00

Served with Banana or Strawberries, Chocolate Sauce and Squirry Cream

We will also be having some delicious food on sale as well as many other refreshments.



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Of course, we are very much looking forward to these events but should the school experience a substantial rise in cases before any of the events, they may need to be cancelled at short notice. In the case of the Christmas plays, we will record them so they can be watched virtually.

Fingers crossed all will be well and we can welcome you all into school over the next few weeks.

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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