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COVID and Christmas at Shelton

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, we now have a number of confirmed cases of COVID at Shelton over the last few days. Cromford and Eyam classes are returning to bubbles as a result. Please see my earlier letters about this today if your child is in one of those classes.

The news this weekend of the new COVID variant confirms that we still need to be vigilant and careful over the next few weeks. Please remember to keep your child at home and take a PCR test if they display any of the COVID symptoms.

We have been monitoring the regularly changing COVID advice from both the government and local authority carefully over the last few weeks trying to decide what Christmas events we can safely run this year. We are acutely aware that we don't want to ruin everyone's Christmas by spreading COVID just before the holidays so we have decided that:

- 1) We will record and publish our Christmas performance online this year
- 2) We will not run a Christmas disco or fair this year
- 3) We will go to the theatre as planned next week as we will be able to socially distance from other people and we are not mixing new people – Cromford and Eyam classes will be contacted on Wednesday following a meeting with public health as explained in my letter earlier today

The basic rule we are applying is to consider how many **new** people we would be mixing up at each of the events we want to run. As our hall is small, this makes big events involving everyone too much of a risk to everyone's Christmas.

Of course, we will still be doing loads of fun Christmas activities in the run up to Christmas and the children are already busy practicing their songs!

Yours sincerely,

Jon Bacon
Headteacher

Together, we learn, trust and succeed.

Learn ... reach your full potential - *curiosity, concentration*
Trust ... caring staff support every child in school - *collaboration*
Succeed ... overcome barriers - *resilience, reflectiveness*