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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you now know that today we had to take the difficult decision to cancel the Reception nativity plays that were due to take place next week, and that of Class 6 Badgers. I would like to thank you for your emails on this subject.

I thought it may help to further clarify why this decision was taken. First and foremost, I need to reiterate that our children and their safety is always at the heart of any decision that we take.

The local context has been changing and the number of Covid cases within our own school community increasing. Hunters Bar Junior School have been working with Public Health this week to manage a small outbreak and as we share the same families, we have also sought advice. Public Health referred school to the Events Risk Management document, which all schools in Sheffield have been using. With this changing picture, we were left with no alternative but to cancel the remaining nativity performances.

Some of you have raised the fact that our Prime Minister specifically encouraged schools to go ahead with nativities in his briefing last night. The caveat with that is that head teachers have been asked to make the final decision, based on the latest local situation and the individual setting's ability to mitigate risk.

We are extremely disappointed at having to cancel the remaining shows and can assure you that we are working hard to still make this a positive experience for our children. I know you will support us with this and hope you will enjoy watching the film when it is posted on the blogs.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Carr

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