



**ST THOMAS  
MORE**  
VC ACADEMY

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Omicron Variant – Local Response**

Dear parents and carers

Mrs Siedle has outlined the Trust's response to the new COVID-19 variant Omicron and I am writing to add further detail on how in the immediate term, this affects our local plans here at St Thomas More as directed by local guidance:

After School Activity Clubs

Effective immediately, after school Activity Clubs are cancelled until further notice. Please note that the chargeable After School and Breakfast Club facilities remain available in the usual way.

Christmas Performances/Nativities – Current Plan

<u>Year Group:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
FS1 and FS2 Nativity	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2:15pm
Year 1 Nativity	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am
Year 2 Nativity	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm
Years 3; 4; 5 and 6 Music and Carols	Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00pm

Due to the size of the Key Stage 2 cohort (Years 3; 4; 5 and 6) and the need to restrict the number of attending parents, we are limiting places to Year 6 and those of the following musicians across the Key Stage – Baritone; Cello; French Horn; P-Bone; Trumpet and Violin.

If you would like to attend a performance then it is essential that you call the school office to pre-book a place. Attendance is strictly limited to 1 family member only. Please avoid an uncomfortable situation where additional family members would be turned away on the day which I appreciate is in contrast to our usual flexibility.

We ask that you take a Lateral Flow Test before attending a performance, that you wash or sanitise your hands regularly and that unless exempt, you wear a face covering whilst on our premises. Seating will be arranged in a socially-distant manner and we ask that you remain in your seat for the duration of your stay and observe social distancing from others at all other times.

**St Thomas More Voluntary  
Catholic Academy**  
St Thomas More Road,  
Hull, HU4 7NP

**Tel. 01482 354093**  
**Email. [admin@stmhull.org](mailto:admin@stmhull.org)**  
**[www.stmhull.org](http://www.stmhull.org)**

**Executive  
Head/CEO**  
Mrs Karen Siedle  
f @stmacademy  
t @STM\_Hull

**Acting Head of School**  
Mr Gary Shaw

Subject to parental consent, performances will be live-streamed and/or a video recording will be available at a later date.

#### Friday Assemblies

With immediate effect and until further notice, assemblies will be restricted to pupils only.

#### PTFA Christmas Fair

It is unfortunate that the PTFA Christmas Fair scheduled for this coming Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is cancelled. Story time with Santa Shaw will go ahead during the school day for pupils that have booked already and refunds will be provided for their younger siblings not attending the school.

Santa Shaw will be making use of a larger space for telling stories and so we can invite more children to join in the fun! If you haven't already booked a place for your child, then please call the school office and pop by with a £2.50p payment in support of the PTFA.


The PTFA will be in touch in due course with their emerging plans for a replacement event as restrictions ease.

#### PTFA School Disco

The PTFA School Disco scheduled for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm-4:30pm, is also cancelled.

As always, I am very appreciative of your continued support as we adapt and respond to both local and national guidance as we move through the festive season.

With many thanks



Mr G Shaw  
Acting Head of School