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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Ashwater School

Unfortunately, we now have a number of positive COVID cases at Halwill School. Please see the letter I have shared with you for full details. We have reinstated bubbles at Halwill and the Christmas Shows will not take place this week. We will continue to monitor the situation and take a view as to whether they can take place the following week.

What does this mean for Ashwater School?

We currently have no cases at Ashwater and are keen to keep it this way. We are mindful that Torridge has one of the highest COVID-19 rates in the country. **Please can children be regularly LFD tested before coming into school and take a PCR test if they display symptoms.** Please note many Halwill cases are asymptomatic so please do support us with the regular LFD tests.

At this point we will go ahead with the shows this week but we are going to further limit the number of parents/ carers that can attend. We had originally offered 2 tickets per child but **I am afraid we need to reduce this to 2 tickets per family.** This will enable us to more comfortably distance the audience. I am sorry for the disappointment caused they mean so much to children and families, however, the safety of the community must come first. We will make a recording of the show and share this in the final week. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation and let you know if there are any further changes.

It is with a very heavy heart that inform you that in agreement with the Chair of Governors, we will have to **cancel the Christmas Extravaganza.** It does not seem sensible to have an event which involves members of the local community coming in to school site.

This is not a decision taken lightly, given all the work that has gone in to it. We thank all the PTFA as well as stall holders who have prepared for this and apologise sincerely for any disappointment and inconvenience caused but hope you understand that we would not take this decision unless we felt it was necessary and in the interests of safety and well-being.

I thank you for your understanding at this very challenging time and wish you and your families well.

Keep safe,

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

