

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are approaching the Christmas period, I wanted to reassure you all that although it has to be very different this year, we will still be creating festive joy and memories for our children. I would love nothing more than to invite you all in for the usual Christmas fair and to watch the performances with watery eyes. However, everyone's safety has to continue to be the main priority.

We have already begun to make plans as to how we will celebrate the festive period. Even if these can not be shared with you all, we want to make sure the children have the Lofthouse Christmas experience wherever possible. I know as families you will have suggestions as to how we could include yourselves in this, but please be assured we have looked at every option and sadly this isn't possible for us this year. I hope you will understand and support this. Even though as parents/carers you will not be able to participate this year, we will keep you updated with all the Christmas celebrations the children will be involved in via their class Twitter pages.

Finally, I wanted to make you all aware of a project which we are collaborating on. This will include participation from all of our pupils. We have linked with Ashby Lodge residential home, which is local to the academy. We are creating Christmas cheer boxes for each of their residents. Each class has chosen to create an item, for example: paper chains to decorate their rooms, tree decorations, calendars and Christmas cards. We are hoping this will spread some Christmas cheer to the residents. We will be delivering these during the second week of December and will be documenting the children's contributions, so please keep your eye on Twitter (@OPA_LG).

As always, thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Mrs L Hadfield
Principal