

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re' Christmas Concert

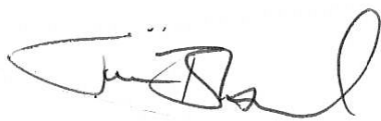
As Christmas approaches, the need to navigate through the next few weeks carefully is very important. Currently, the number of cases at Stanway is very low - actually it is only 5 in the whole school. My aim is to keep it as low as possible by continuing with all the measures we have in place, so that students and staff, along with their families, can enjoy Christmas as usual.

Therefore, I have come to the very difficult decision to cancel the Christmas Concert. This decision has not been taken lightly, there has been much thought and discussion involved as many students have spent a long time rehearsing for the evening, and it is always a lovely way to end the term. I am a huge fan of music and was planning to be involved, so this is particularly saddening for me as well.

However, we plan to have the students here during that day to perform their pieces with the view to recording them. We will refund the cost of any tickets purchased so far and will invite those Parents to a special online viewing when the recordings are ready. The recordings will be made available free of charge with the option to make a voluntary donation where any funds received will go towards further enhancing musical equipment within the department. More information will follow for the details of the online viewing.

I realise that some may be very disappointed while other may feel relieved at the thought of not having to sit in a crowded auditorium; even though Stanway figures are low, it would only take one visitor to the site on that evening with the virus to cause quite a lot of disruption, potentially, to the rest of the term and the start of the holidays.

I hope you will understand and continue to support the school event online.



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