



9 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Evers and Patterson: A Christmas Carol - Theatre Trip

As you are aware, the English Faculty have arranged to take Year 8 Evers and Patterson students to see *A Christmas Carol* at the Old Vic in London on Tuesday 4 January. This is the first day of the new term, and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the arrangements for this visit, before the Christmas break.

Firstly, please can we ask that all students take a Lateral Flow Test on the evening of Monday 3rd January or the morning of Tuesday 4th January, before they come to school. Please can the result of this test, positive or negative, be submitted using this online form.

<https://forms.gle/eaVLuAac4G1YxSLv6> If the result of the test is positive, then your child should remain at home and will unfortunately not be able to take part in the visit. Please book a PCR test as soon as possible. In this scenario, if you have made a financial contribution towards this trip, then we will be able to refund this money to you. We will provide details of the refund process at a later date, if this is relevant to you.

If the result of the test is negative, then your child will be able to go on the trip, providing that we have previously received your consent for them to take part. All Year 8 Evers and Patterson students should arrive at school on Tuesday 4 January at the later time of **9.15am**, and gather outside the main reception, where they will be registered before departure.

If your child carries personal medication, such as an EpiPen or an inhaler for example, they must have this with them on the day of the trip. The staff on the trip will also take any relevant medication for your child that is currently held by their House Office. Students will need to bring some lunch to eat on the coach. If your child is entitled to free school meals, then this will be provided on the day. Students should wear full school uniform and should also bring a mask and hand sanitiser with them. They may bring a mobile phone, but it must remain switched off and in their bags until the return journey, when they may wish to contact you to confirm our arrival time back at school. Our expected return time is approximately 6.30pm, but this will be dependent on traffic.

Further information regarding the arrangements for Wednesday's in-school testing process will be sent to you in a separate letter.

If you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to an enjoyable trip, and we thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards

Leanne Devitt
Assistant Headteacher