



# One minute guide



## COVID – Christmas in Schools – Ideas and Tips

Key consideration for each activity:

If a single person involved in that activity tested positive how many people would need to self isolate?

Has the way the activity has been planned allowed for the least amount of contact possible?

Activity	Key things to avoid	Possible Adaptations
Christmas parties	Bubbles mixing. Games which involve more contact than would normally take place in bubble or passing items around. Children should not bring in items from home. Staff social gatherings (even if restrictions relaxed)	If extra staff are needed to set up do this whilst room is clear of other staff / children. Parties in classrooms or leaving time for hall to be well ventilated through use of open windows between each party. Staff virtual event.
Present and card giving	Adults or children giving out presents / cards directly. Delivery of cards (even if quarantined) to classrooms whilst there are staff / children present. Giving soft toys as presents.	Discourage presents this year. Ask pupils to bring in cards no later than Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December. Have a lidded box available in each classroom for pupils to drop cards into. Leave cards quarantined until Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December. 1 person sorts the quarantined cards into individual pile for each pupil/member of staff whilst the classroom is empty.
Christmas dinner	Mixing bubbles or staff crossing bubbles.	Run Christmas dinner in line with how dinners are usually being served according to risk assessment – decorations etc can be set up whilst room is empty.
Charity collections	Collecting cash or items.	Encourage donations to chosen charities through websites, through parent pay or similar online school service; direct to local foodbank collection points in supermarkets.
Nativity performance / Carol concert	Mixing bubbles or staff crossing bubbles. Gathering of parents / carers.	<a href="https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/safe-remote-learning/online-performances/">https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/safe-remote-learning/online-performances/</a> Lots of ideas here.
School fundraising – Christmas fair	Use of cash. Items moving from one household to another. Gathering of people. Physical Christmas fairs are not allowed.	Run variety of competitions virtually – prizes could be in the form of vouchers which could be e mailed, posted from school.

