

BEDFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL 2021: SPEECH AND DRAMA UPDATE 14th JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents

We have now had an update from the Bedfordshire Speech and Drama Festival Committee, and we wish to inform you of the situation.

Due to the ongoing situation surrounding Covid-19 and the uncertainty regarding the length of this current national lockdown, the Festival Committee has taken the decision to move the 2021 Festival online. Classes will still be organised, as suggested in the reduced syllabus, however instead of performing live, they will be asking performers to video their performances.

If you have any objections to your child being recorded, then please do let us know by Friday 22nd January.

The Speech and Drama team plan to upload all entries onto the Festival website at the beginning of March. The plan is that, should we return to school after February half term, we will facilitate all the recordings. Should we not be back in school, further instructions will be sent about how to do this.

Once the videos are uploaded, they will be viewed by the adjudicator who will mark the performance and provide written feedback for each performer. Adjudicators will also be asked to give 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings for each class. Marksheets and certificates for placings will then be sent out to the performers after the Festival has finished.

At this stage we do not require you to do anything. More information will follow once we know when/if schools are set to return. In the meantime, please continue to support your son with learning his lines.

Lastly, we understand the current circumstances mean that we cannot write regular feedback on how your child is developing, so please be reminded that if you have any questions then email your child's Speech and Drama teacher.

Kind Regards

The Speech and Drama Team
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