



26th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The annual school Carol Service is being held at Guildford Cathedral on 3rd December at 1:00pm. We are writing to let you know about the arrangements for the event.

This year the students will be walking to the Cathedral from Christ's College. They will be in school as normal for AM registration, period one, and breaktime. Thereafter, they will be asked to return to their tutor bases and prepare to leave for the walk. All students will be in the full normal school uniform, however they will be allowed to wear their trainers on that day. Students will need a packed lunch that they can eat either before they leave or when they get to the Cathedral. If your child receives free school meals, they will be able to collect their lunch packs from the canteen at breaktime.

The first students will set off at 11:15am and the last will leave at 11:45am. It is a two mile walk that has steps and a gentle elevation in the last mile. We anticipate that the walk will take between 45 minutes and an hour. College staff will lead the walk and there will be crossing guards at any awkward intersections.

We are confident that the vast majority of students will be able to make this journey with relative ease. However, we know there are a few students who may not and will need a minibus to bring them to and from the event. If you feel that your child requires this, please can you e-mail your child's Progress Leader.

The service will finish at 2pm and the students will be dismissed based on the following parental choices.

Parents have 4 options.

- To give permission for their child/ren to leave directly from the Cathedral on foot. We know that some live locally to Guildford Cathedral and it makes sense for them to walk home from there.
- For their child/ren to return to school by foot. Supervised by the same tutor team that brought them to the Cathedral earlier.
- To be collected by a parent or carer at the Cathedral.
- Child gets the school bus which will collect from the Cathedral

We ask that every parent/carers please complete the attached Google Form

<https://forms.gle/AV2ioPegaB9FGDF38> indicating which of the four options you would like. This will allow the tutors to have the correct information so that they can administer a swift and organised exit from the Cathedral /school. If we haven't received a google form response your child will be returned to College by walking with their tutor.

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend the service and there will be a clearly marked area of the Cathedral for you.





At the end of the service, we ask that all parents leave the Cathedral first and if they are collecting students they must wait in the designated areas outside. This way, we can ensure that all students can be dismissed effectively.

**Please ensure that you complete a Google Form for each child you have at the College by the 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

We look forward to welcoming you to the Carol Service.

Kind regards

Mr P Grundy  
Acting Principal