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Dear Parents / Carers

**School Production Hairspray – Cancelled**

As you are aware restrictions have been placed on Theatres across the UK for a continued lengthy period. We had hoped that there might be the potential to perform Hairspray in the October half term. Sadly, the Merlin Theatre is not able to accommodate a performance due to the health and safety measures placed upon venues. The theatre can only accommodate 30% audience capacity and the backstage conditions are not able to offer the social distancing measures required.

The children have worked so hard on the production and we are very sad that this decision has had to be taken, but I am sure you will understand that the safety of all concerned is paramount here. Please pass on our sincere appreciation for all their hard work.

The Merlin Theatre has contact details of those who have purchased tickets and they will therefore contact you personally over the next couple of weeks regarding your refunds for tickets purchased and potential ways in supporting the theatre through such difficult times. Please do not contact the box office directly, the theatre is unable to support this facility currently

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking all the staff that supported your child throughout this wonderful project. They too, are very sad not to have seen it through to the performance but are pleased to announce that the animations from the show will be placed on the school website for all to see.

With sincere thanks for your unfailing support throughout the production period and your patience in waiting for this news.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hopegood and the Hairspray Production Team

EACH CHILD IS MY CHILD

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