

Morland Choristers' Camp 2021

Covid policy implications.

The Covid pandemic prevented us from holding Camp in 2020. We fully intend and hope that it will be possible to hold it in 2021, but we cannot ignore the pandemic. We hope that by July the Government plan to lift all restrictions on June 21st will indeed have come into force, but we realise that the virus will not have gone away. We will still need a degree of caution, and we will still need to follow any government directives/guidance.

Our intention is that

- all choristers and staff will have to show 2 negative lateral flow Covid tests in the week before Camp, and a further negative test on arrival (or, in the case of the London party or others travelling considerable distance, before embarking on the journey). Anyone getting a positive lateral flow test will have to take a PCR test before coming to Camp. If the PCR test is negative, they will be able to join Camp as soon as they can.
- we will arrange our use of premises and accommodation so that people are spread out as far as possible. All rehearsals will take place in the church: the usual evening crowd in the Village Hall will be eliminated. Dining accommodation will be similarly spread out, between the school, the Party Tent and the Village Hall. For overnight accommodation, the present intention is that all choristers will sleep in tents, so that we avoid the crowding in the Village Hall.
- we will minimise contact with parents/guardians/other outside parties. When choristers arrive, once the lateral flow test is completed only the chorister should get out of the car.
- public events later in the week will be carefully controlled: visitors will be allowed into the Cathedral in accordance with Cathedral policy at the time and will not be encouraged to mix with choristers; visitors to the concert will be similarly controlled in accordance with policies in force at St Andrew's Church, Penrith, and will have to have tickets in advance; the Sunday morning Eucharist at Morland will be, as usual, the Parish service with Camp providing the choir, but visitors from outside the parish will not be encouraged to attend; the usual Sunday Evensong will not take place as Camp will end after the Parents' Tea (which will only go ahead if it is possible to hold it outside).
- all of the usual 'public events' will be videoed, to be put up on YouTube. We hope that they can be live-streamed, but at least they will be available afterwards.
- having already postponed the Alumni weekend from 2020, it is with great regret that we can see no alternative to postponing it yet again to 2022, when we will be 'Celebrating 50 years'.
- it should go without saying that anybody, choristers, staff, visitors showing any Covid symptoms must not come to Morland at all.