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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Durham Cathedral Leaver's Service**

I am extremely disappointed to inform you that I have just received a letter from the Diocese of Newcastle and Durham in which they have asked me to inform parents that due to the changes in the format of the day, parents and families are NOT invited to attend the service this year.

I know that Mrs Cross recently wrote out to you with the date and at this time we were under the impression that the service would be the same as in previous years.

The Diocese have informed us that the format is now completely different, with children taking part in small group sessions rather than performing in front of an audience. As such there will be nothing for parents to actually 'see'. The children will only be sitting in the Cathedral for about 15 minutes and parents would be unable to see them. In addition, legally the Cathedral can only hold 500 people and due to the change in format there are over 490 children and staff attending each session.

I know that some of you may be disappointed with the change to the format and please be assured that our concerns have been passed onto the Diocese.

Yours sincerely

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