

15th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will receive our end of term newsletter on Friday, however, I wanted to remind you that school finishes at 12.30pm on Friday and to give you details regarding the reporting of Covid cases during the Christmas holiday.

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Cases during the Christmas Holiday

We have been asked by the DfE to make you aware of the following information and arrangements for reporting any positive cases during the holiday period:

• Where a student tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (after Sunday 20 December) the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should instead follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace and further information can be found

at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ or by calling 119.

• Until 24 December, if a student tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (in other words the symptoms started prior to Sunday 20 December) the school needs to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. If this is the case, please let the school know by emailing covidtesting@bhs.hlt.academy

We will then contact anyone identified as a close contact via email.

• After 24 December parents should only contact NHS Test and Trace and not the school.

We have a training day on Monday 4th January, and look forward to welcoming students back to school on 5th January.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter when it arrives and I wish you all the very best over the Christmas period.

With best wishes

Miss Caddell Principal

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