

## Newsletter Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

### Covid reporting during school closure

The following information sets out exactly what you should do over the Christmas holidays, should your child have a positive test for coronavirus.

1. If your child tests positive for coronavirus **up to and including Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, please contact the academy using the following email address: [holidaycovidcontact@aat.education](mailto:holidaycovidcontact@aat.education) This is an email for all academies and provisions in our Trust. Therefore, it is really important you clearly state your child's name and the academy they attend. This email address will only be monitored between 0900-1000 daily.
2. If your child tests positive for coronavirus from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December**, please contact NHS Test and Trace directly and follow the contact tracing instructions provided. **There is NO requirement to contact the academy.** Should the academy be required to support the tracing of contacts, this will be following communication directly from Test and Trace to the academy. Members of the academy will be available via this method up to and including **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December as is the case nationally.**
3. If your child tests positive for coronavirus after Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, you need to communicate directly with NHS Test and Trace as above **but there is no requirement for you to inform the academy until the first day of the new term.**

**The Test and Trace service can be contacted directly by telephoning 119 or alternatively you can book a test online by going to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS ABOVE SHOULD ONLY BE FOLLOWED IF YOUR **CHILD** (not a household member) TESTS POSITIVE. THERE IS **NO REQUIREMENT** TO MAKE CONTACT TO JUST REPORT SYMPTOMS OR TO NOTIFY THAT YOU INTEND TO TAKE A TEST.

### Covid reminder

If anyone in your household has symptoms, you **MUST NOT** send your child to school until a negative result has been received. If anyone in your household is positive, everybody in the household has to isolate for 10 days. If you are in any doubts whatsoever, please ring the main office.

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### **Absence**

If your child is absent from school please leave a message on the school absence line, 01202 574212, Option 1. The absence line is available 24 hours a day.

The children will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. They should not return, however, if they or any member of their household have coronavirus symptoms. Please continue to keep us informed.

### **Children in Need**

I am pleased to say that we have raised £332.27 for Children in Need, what an amazing amount of money to send to this fantastic charity.

### **Virtual Christmas Performance**

I'm sure you will agree that the videos of the children singing were brilliant, they were all looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers and costumes. Keep a look out for a staff end of term and Christmas wishes video, coming soon!

### **Raffle**

Many thanks to everybody that sponsored the raffle especially Halfords for the scooters which were won by TC in Y6 and OP in YR, 72 Blue for the £100 WH Smith voucher which was won by CM in Y5, and Rockley Watersports for their passes which were won by MG and RC in Y5. Thank you to everybody that purchased tickets, there were so many prizes and lots of happy children!

### **End of term**

School will close at midday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| If your child usually leaves at: | 2.30 pm they will leave at 11.00 am |
|                                  | 2.40 pm they will leave at 11.10 am |
|                                  | 2.50 pm they will leave at 11.20 am |
|                                  | 3.00 pm they will leave at 11.30 am |
|                                  | 3.10 pm they will leave at 11.40 am |
|                                  | 3.20 pm they will leave at 11.50 am |

As this is the last Newsletter this term and this year, I would like to take this opportunity to send you Season's Greetings and my very best wishes for 2021.

Kind regards,



Mrs Fish  
**Principal**

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## Important Dates for the Diary:

### Spring Term

Return to school

Half term

End of term

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

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