



18 December 2020

Dear parents and carers

I would like to begin this letter by thanking you all for your support over the last term. It has been a challenge for everyone and your support has been hugely appreciated.

As a school community we are continuing to implement a strict system of control and to reinforce the key preventative measures to minimise the potential spread of infection. Thank you for your continued support with this, your constant reminders at home have certainly helped us to work in partnership with you to reinforce those key messages at school too. We note that students are remembering to bring in their face coverings and to wear them in the communal areas which is so important. Students have been tremendous throughout the pandemic and as ever, I am so very, very proud of them.

I would like to give you a brief update on our plans in relation to keeping our community safe during the Christmas holidays. During the holiday period, all notices will continue to be put up on our school website. If your child becomes ill and has a positive test result in the first days of the Christmas holidays, it is essential that you let us know and we will track and trace your child's in-school contacts.

You only need to contact us if your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of their last day in school and then has a positive test. The last day in school will be Friday 18 December 2020.

For example, if your child became ill on Sunday 20 December you should contact us as soon as you have the test results. If your child develops symptoms on Monday 21 December 2020 you do not need to contact us. Please contact school at:

covid@weaversacademy.org.uk

We would strongly advise you to test locally rather than using the postal testing service as you will get the results much more quickly. The school office closes at 12:00 pm on 24 December 2020 if you need to contact us on that day please do so before 09:00. To help us, please include the following details in your email:

Your child's name and form

Yours child's last day of attendance in school

The date your child's symptoms started

The date of your child's test

Whether you give consent to us sharing your child's medical information.



If your child has come into contact at school with an individual who has had a positive test, we will send you the official Public Health England letter that we are requested to send to parents/carers.

If, unfortunately your child or members of your household become unwell with COVID-19 during the holiday, please contact us in the same way as above (although we will not need to Track and Trace if your child has not been in school). This will enable us to keep important information up-to-date.

You may have heard on the news that in January schools will be able to carry out rapid Covid-19 testing. This means that if your child has potentially been in contact with a student or member of staff who has tested positive for COVID-19 they will be able to access a test in school rather than immediately self-isolate. This is good news as it certainly means that fewer students will need to study at home. We do not know the full details of the testing regime or the practical arrangements yet and I will let you know the details as soon I have them which is likely to be early January. However, it is important that I say at this point that participation in the testing will be entirely voluntary.

We heard yesterday from the Department for Education that they are requiring us to stagger the return of students to school. For Weavers Academy this means that Year 11, Year 12, Year 13 and vulnerable students should return to school on 5 January 2021 as normal. If you are a key worker, you will also be able to send your child to school from the 5 January if you need to. So that we can safeguard your child it is essential that you inform us of your intention to send them to school.

Please complete the form following the link below to notify us that your child will attending school from 5 January 2021.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVv2z1Ys-7pK-XmqrZVEtMtt4v7HITJERUMEJXWEhXT0pYNFJSVTNISjNHUkg2VTdNNy4u>

Year 11s, Year 12s and Year 13s must attend unless they are unwell. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 should study remotely from 5 January 2021 and return to school on the 11 January at the normal time. Students will receive a timetable specific for their remote learning by the end of the day on the 4 January 2021.

Teachers will be on hand during the lessons to support children with their work this is why we would like them to follow their timetable.

Please complete the form on the following link urgently if technology is going to be a barrier to your child joining in with their lessons remotely and we will ensure equipment is provided to the students that require it.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yu1GLt0A20uVv2z1Ys-7pK-XmqrZVEtMtt4v7HITJERURFBDM0NaOE9JWUIBNVRIS1QyM0QyMiRBWi4u>



Any other issues with technology please contact laptoploan@weaversacademy.org.uk.

Thank you as always for your support.

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas break. We look forward to seeing your child back in school on Tuesday 5 January 2021 for years 11, 12 and 13 and the remainder of the students on the 11 January 2021.

Yours sincerely

Vivien Swaida
Principal