

December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: End of Autumn Term Arrangements

I am writing to inform you that following a late announcement from the Department of Education we will be ending the term for students one day early, Thursday 17th December 2020 not the 18th December.

This short-notice change is based on Department of Education guidance and the role they are asking schools to play in supporting Public Health over the Christmas break.

Please note Thursday 17th December 2020 will be a full school day for all students.

Reporting a positive covid case over the holiday period

The school has been asked to support Public Health England over the holiday period in contact tracing, to help in the national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Therefore, during the holidays, if your child develops symptoms you must get him/her tested.

If your child tests positive for Covid during the following period: Friday 18th December – 23rd December, you must contact and report the positive test to the school via the MyEd app.

After the 23rd December, you must report all positive cases via the NHS track and trace. Further information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>.

Please note the school will be closed over the holidays and the telephones will not be manned during this period. The only method of communication is via the app.

If you are currently not using the My Ed app, please ensure you download it as soon as possible.

Only, in the event you do not have access to the app, please email the following address detailing the information from the testing centre as well your child's name and class: info@dwhs.co.uk

Start of the Spring Term

Year 7 - 11 will return to school for normal lessons on Monday 4th January 2021 (week 2) and should arrive in school at the usual time of 8.45am for Years 7, 8 & 9 and 9.00am for Years 10 & 11. Please



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ensure your child is in school on time with the correct uniform and equipment so that lessons can commence with the minimum of disruption.

6th Form:

All Year 12 and 13 students will have study leave on Monday 4th January 2021 and return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021 for 9.00am.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support during what has been an unprecedented and certainly different school term this year and sincerely wish you and your families every good wish for the holiday season and the new year.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
Headteacher



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