

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Christmas holidays and the return to school

I writing following earlier correspondence this week with regards to our end of term plans.

Final day of term – Thursday 17th December

As previously mentioned, the Department for Education announced at the beginning of the week that schools are permitted to close on Friday 18th December for an INSET day. The intention of this is to maximise the time between the end of term and Christmas Day so that if children develop symptoms, this will be prior to them mixing in with family members outside of their household in the permitted Christmas period.

Following consultation with Local Authorities and the DfE, Oasis Community Learning has decided to close all Oasis academies on Friday 18th December. We do understand this will inconvenience some parents, while others have requested this. Whilst we as an Academy had hoped to remain open for the final day, the key factor in this decision fro Oasis Community Learning was what is best for the wellbeing of all our Academy community.

Therefore, our last day of term will now be Thursday 17th December. This will be a normal day at the Academy with a staggered dismissal from 3.10pm so as not to lose further valuable teaching time.

You can read the latest guidance about Christmas gatherings by searching for “gov.uk Christmas bubble” or by accessing this webpage:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family

Reporting COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays

COVID-19 exists in our wider community and therefore it is important to be especially aware of how your child is and whether they have symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Before or on 23rd December

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 between now and the 23rd December, please inform us as soon as possible by contacting Covid-19Coulsdon@oasiscoulsdon.org, so that we can inform close contacts.



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From 24th December – 5th January

If your child has a positive test for COVID-19 during the Christmas holiday you must inform Public Health England. This will be done automatically if your child receives a test from a testing centre, and you can also do this by using the NHS App. We also require you to let us know by emailing Covid-19Coulsdon@oasiscoulsdon.org.

Starting the new term

If your child has symptoms, is unwell, or it has been confirmed that they have COVID-19, it is very important that they do not return to school until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated. Please contact us before bringing your child to school, and we can advise you.

If your child is well and is not required to isolate at home, they are to return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

In the new year we will continue with all our precautions (class bubbles, social distancing, face coverings and visors, additional handwashing, separate year group entry points, and staggered finish times etc.) so that we can open safely.

Sincere thanks from me and the whole staff team for your support over this term. As expected, it has been challenging but the children's determination to learn has been excellent. I hope you and your family remain safe and well and are able to enjoy some time off together during the Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C Green'.

Ms C Green
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