

December 2020

The staff at Chase Terrace Academy continue to work hard to ensure our school remains Covid-19 secure, particularly this week as we move closer to the Christmas break. We are very keen to avoid the need for students to self-isolate over the coming days as we are very aware this could impact on your Christmas celebrations. We will continue to contact you in the usual way this week, should we need to.

The Department for Education has asked that all schools make staff, parents and carers aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Where a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions by NHS Test and Trace.

It is therefore critical that if your child tests positive after developing symptoms within 48 hours of being in school that you inform school by emailing:

covid@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

This email address will be monitored by members of the Senior Leadership Team who will then contact Public Health England and the Local Outbreak Team for specific guidance about which children would need to self-isolate and contact them in accordance with instructions.

These children must then self-isolate at home for 10 days from the last contact with the positive case as instructed by Public Health England. Other household members do not need to self-isolate unless the child self-isolating develops symptoms of Covid-19. Please note that where students are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 48 hours following the end of term (Thursday 17th December), school does not need to be informed unless it impacts on their attendance at the beginning of term 2021. Please ensure that positive test results are reported promptly via email.

We will use MyEd App to communicate with you over the Christmas break so it is important that you have downloaded the app to your device. The MyEd app is available for both Apple iOS and Android devices and can be found on either the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching for MyEd. Once you have installed and opened MyEd, search for Chase Terrace Academy and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and will look forward to a happy and safe 2021. School returns on Monday 4th January, we look forward to seeing you then.



Ms Nicola Mason
Head of School