

Thursday 10th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the Christmas break, I'd like to again thank you for your support in what has been a really challenging time for students, families and staff. The resilience of our students has been amazing, who have continued to engage with lessons and work hard whether they have been at home or in school.

We currently have no known cases of coronavirus within our staff or study body. We also have no staff or students having to self-isolate due to school contact, and it is great to have all year groups in school.

Please ensure that your child does not attend school if they are poorly. If they, or any member of your family has one of the main Covid symptoms – a high temperature, a new persistent cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – they should not attend school, until the person with symptoms has had a test and it is negative.

All staff and students (other than those exempt) must wear a face covering in school corridors and communal areas. We managed to source reusable, washable cotton masks for 50p each, and we are therefore able to sell these at cost price to students, which we hope is helpful, as it's a significant saving from shop prices.

A reminder that the Parent Forum is on Tuesday 15th December from 6pm-7pm virtually via Zoom. If you wish to join, please visit our website for details of the link and joining information: <https://cityacademybristol.clf.uk/news/parent-forum-with-the-principal/>

We have recently been informed of some very sad news, that Hanna Ahmed passed away. Hanna was previously a Councillor for City Academy and one of our parents, and is well known to our local community as Secretary of the Bristol Somali Forum and for her many voluntary roles. Our thoughts are with her husband, family and friends at this sad time.

Bristol City Council are providing Free School Meal supermarket vouchers up to the value of £30 (£15 per week) per child in order to provide further support to you during the Christmas holiday period. If your child is eligible for free school meals, we will be sending these by post shortly.

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If you think you may be eligible for free school meals due to a change in circumstance, we would encourage you to apply through the Bristol City Council website. You can check the edibility criteria on the website also.

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>

Finally, the Government has set an expectation that schools should be informed by staff, parents and carers of any positive test results from the end of term until Wednesday, 23rd December, so that we can follow up and inform anyone who is a close contact that they need to self-isolate. We will provide further details next week about how that will happen and obviously hope that we will not need to be in touch.

If you have any queries, please contact me via the school email address CABinfo@clf.uk

Best wishes



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