

Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Today is the last day of term for pupils. Thank you for all your support over what has been a challenging term for pupils, parents and staff.

As a reminder, 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.

If your child does test positive, as was in school in the last 48 hours prior to symptoms, please send an email to Positive.Results@clf.uk with the following information:

- Your Name
- Your child's name
- The Academy they attend
- Date of first symptoms
- The date of the test
- The date of the positive result

You may have heard or read the various Government announcements regarding tiers of restrictions and mass testing in Secondary schools from January. If so, you will be aware that Bristol has been moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2 with effect from one minute past midnight on Saturday morning (19th December). There are no implications in this respect for schools as all schools remain open to all children in all tiers, as has been the case since the start of September.

Secondary schools will be a focus for mass rapid testing for staff and pupils from the start of next term, with primary schools following later in the term. The first day of term, Monday 4th January has already been planned as an in-service training day for staff, which means that the school will not be open for students. In line with Government guidance, we will then operate a staggered return as follows:

Monday 4th January: INSET day – no students in school

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January: Students in Year 11, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will all attend school. Please note that on Tuesday 5th January, those students will start school at 1pm for induction.

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January: All other students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will complete their schoolwork at home – further information will be sent

Monday 11th January – all students in school.

You will recognise that schools have been made aware of this only today, which means we will update you on Monday 4th January with any additional information.

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High Expectations

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents and students around our high expectations in several areas. We want to maintain our high standards, so all students, parents and staff in our school community can continue to feel proud of our fantastic students.

Masks

Over the past weeks, we have been able to sell reusable cotton masks for 50p each, to students who did not have them. Given that they have had plenty of opportunities to purchase them, and it is now the school holiday, please ensure that your child has a supply of masks ready to return to school. If your child does not have a mask, they will be sent home to collect one (other than those students who are exempt).

Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform ready for when they return in January. Due to having windows open we are aware that it can be colder in the classrooms. We will now allow a plain black V neck jumper to be worn. If students want to wear a t shirt under their shirt it needs to be a plain white one. If your child does not arrive in full uniform, they will be sent home to change.

The school uniform students require is as follows:

- Blazer with Academy Logo – must be ordered online
- Tie – must be ordered online or purchased at City Academy reception
- White shirt/blouse – can be purchased anywhere
- Black Trousers or skirt – can be purchased anywhere
- Black shoes (Not trainers) – can be purchased anywhere

Punctuality

We expect all students to be ready at their allocated gate at 8.30am, so they can be on time to their Learning Family and ready to learn.

We hope students have a restful break over the holiday, and you manage to spend some quality time together as a family.

Best wishes



Jon Angell
Principal, City Academy

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