

17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your support this term and for the lovely messages we have received about the way we have managed our school and community. Please find below some important information about the Christmas break.

Friday 18th December 2020

Please remember that school closes to students at **12.15pm** on Friday 18th December for the Christmas break. Buses will leave school at this time.

BREAKING NEWS about January 2021

At the time of writing we have seen reports, as many of you will have, that the government are set to announce a staggered return for secondary school for January 2021. The reports advise that this to enable headteachers to set up covid testing schemes in school. I appreciate this late notice will be difficult for many families, however we currently have no further information but will communicate with you as soon as we have any detail.

Covid-19 / Track and Trace arrangements during the Christmas break

Please be aware that the guidance for school remains unchanged. If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms or is awaiting a test result they should isolate and not come to school.

During the festive period schools are still required to isolate students if they have been identified as a close contact to a positive case in the 48 hours before the onset of symptoms. **Please be aware we will continue to do this during the festive period until Thursday 24th December 2020. If your child has been identified as a ‘close contact’ you will be contacted by text and email.**

Please continue to report cases using the [C19alert@nestonhigh.com](mailto:c19alert@nestonhigh.com) email address until **12.15pm** on **Thursday 24th December**. After this point, please liaise directly with NHS Track and Trace as contact will have been out of school. If your child is required to isolate or has tested positive and will not return for the start of term, please report their absence through the normal channels.

In summary

Up to 12.15pm on 24 th December	Email c19alert@nestonhigh.com if your child was in school 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms
From 12.15pm Thursday 24 th December until Sunday 3 rd January 2021	NHS Track and Trace will contact you directly if your child has tested positive. Email attendance@nestonhigh.com to advise if they will not be in school from Monday 4 th January
From Monday 4 th January 2021	Report any positive cases by emailing c19alert@nestonhigh.com

My team will, as we have done all term, maintain keeping those affected to a minimum to meet risk assessment. Once again, we apologise in advance if we have to make contact.

Finally, thank you to all staff and students who donated items for the “Christmas Jumper Day” appeal. We were delighted to donate an amazing 1583kg (over 1.5 tonne) of food to West Cheshire Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity.

I wish you all good health and much happiness for Christmas and 2021.

K Simpson
 Headteacher