

All Hallows Catholic High School



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Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity, as we near the end of the autumn term, to thank you for the support you have given to staff as we all faced the enormous challenge of delivering the best education possible to our young people in the face of the difficulties presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. There has been a genuine sense of understanding and unity, despite the periods of self-isolation and disruption to provision. I am sure that you agree with me that staff at school have managed so well to keep continuity in the delivery of the curriculum through remote learning and that the pastoral care for pupils had been exceptional.

I would like to remind you that school will close at **1.30 pm on Friday 18th December** and will reopen on **Monday 4th January**. However, the Government has asked that schools continue to collect the details of pupils and staff who test positive for Covid-19, whose symptoms developed within 48 hours of school closing on Friday. If we receive information of a positive case which has potentially affected those in school on Thursday 17th and 18th December, we will send notice to self-isolate by ParentMail.

Please note the following information regarding the reporting of positive cases during the Christmas period which we have received from the Department of Education.

- Where a pupil 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 provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil 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.

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Friday 18th December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Thursday 24th December.

For the first 6 days after the end of term, schools are not asked to be on-call at all times. Therefore, to eliminate the possibility of numbers of staff having their school holiday disrupted, I would request that parents and carers wishing to report a positive test result contact me directly between the hours of **10 am and 12 noon** each day, up to and including Thursday 24th December.

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Please use cho@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk and not the usual enquiries@ email. Please note that where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.



I hope that the information is clear to all. However, if you would like to discuss any concerns you have, please do not hesitate to contact me at school before we break up on Friday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Horrocks". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr C Horrocks
Headteacher

