

## Covid-19 Information - Christmas arrangements

Beacon Academy will close for the Christmas break on Friday 18 December at the usual time(s) of 2:45pm for Y7 & Y8 students and 2:50pm for Y9, Y10 and Y11 students. The following measures are in place in line with guidance from the Department of Education:-

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) during the weekend of 19/20 December and tests positive at any time between Friday 18 December and Thursday 24 December, then Beacon Academy should be contacted on [office@beaconacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@beaconacademy.co.uk) to assist with identifying close contacts and self-isolation as the child may have been infectious whilst in school. Please provide the following information in your e-mail to us:

- Your child's name
- The date of your child's positive test result (the test date should be between 18-24 December)
- The date your child developed symptoms (this date should be either 19-20 December)

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) having developed symptoms from Monday 21 December, there is no need to contact Beacon Academy. However parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please note the self-isolation period is now 10 days.

The [office@beaconacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@beaconacademy.co.uk) email address will be monitored up to and including Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve) to support with coronavirus contact tracing.

If your child is required to self-isolate due to close contact with a positive case after Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve). There is no requirement to inform Beacon until the new term starts on Monday 4 January 2021.

Of course we all hope that nobody is required to self-isolate during the Christmas break. At Beacon we have rigorously stuck to our Covid adjustments to ensure that Beacon has been a Covid safe environment whilst enabling all our students to follow their normal timetabled lessons. Please can we together continue to ensure:

- Face coverings are worn when moving around the school. Students can purchase a re-usable mask from Mrs Pickles, Deputy Headteacher for 40 pence.
- Use hand sanitiser on entry to each classroom (students are welcome to use their own brand)
- Strict adherence to the one-way system
- Maintain social distancing and distance from students in other year groups/bubbles.

I would like to thank all our parents for all your support this term, your support has been invaluable as we together have managed the pandemic for the whole autumn term, a 2<sup>nd</sup> wave and being in a region with a rate of infection reported at one stage as the 4th worst in the UK. You have helped us to maintain a Covid-Safe environment and your support is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and very best wishes for 2021.

Jason Thurley  
Headteacher

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