



16 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my letter of 2 December 2020 and the ParentMail notification regarding end of term Thursday 17 December 2020 I now write to provide an update.

End of term 17 December 2020

As you are aware, the Government announced that schools and academies were advised to consider moving a Training Day to Friday 18 December 2020. The reason for allowing schools and academies to do this is based on a directive from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England for school leaders to put in place an "On Call" system for the first six days of the Christmas holiday period; the On Call system is to carry out contact tracing related to positive cases of COVID-19. If schools finish on Friday 18 December 2020 then the On Call period includes Christmas Eve; by having Thursday 17 December 2020 as the last day of term, the last day for contact tracing by school leaders is Wednesday 23 December 2020.

For a pupil who tests positive for COVID-19 or develops symptoms during the Christmas break up to Wednesday 23 December 2020 and who attended school between Monday 14 December 2020 and Thursday 17 December 2020, parents/carers are to email: enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk and leave the following information:

- The name of your child who has tested positive and attends TSS
- Year Group and Form Tutor
- Symptoms and the date they started
- The date of the positive test
- Names of other children who are in your child's social group who they may have had contact with prior to symptoms and testing positive
- Names of other children who your child may have travelled to school with and not implemented protective measures

On each day, including Friday 18 December 2020 to Wednesday 23 December 2020, any information emailed on enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk between 9.00am and 11.00am will be forwarded to a member of the Senior Leadership Team after a review of classroom contacts has been made. Once classroom proximity contacts have been identified, the member of the Senior Leadership Team On Call for that day, will email parents/carers that their child has been identified as being in close proximity to a child who has tested positive for COVID-19 and will therefore need to self-isolate for a period of ten days – no one else in the household will need to isolate unless they have symptoms.

The advice and guidance from Public Health England, which we have followed since publication in March 2020, is that the infectious period is forty-eight hours prior to the onset of symptoms and for an asymptomatic case, it is forty-eight hours prior to the positive test. Therefore, any pupil who has symptoms up to and including Saturday 19 December 2020 will impact on pupils in school who will need to be notified to self-isolate.

Holiday Hunger Programme

You may be aware of national schemes providing support to families, one of which is the "Holiday Hunger Programme". We have been notified that Bradford Council are in receipt of a government funded Winter Grant to support with providing food for families to cover the holiday period from Saturday 19 December 2020 to Sunday 3 January 2021. Bradford Council has used this fund to provide grants to the Voluntary Sector to provide food for children and families. Schools have been asked to provide the information to signpost families to the contact details; attached with this letter is a list of the Voluntary Sector organisations who have been successful in receiving a grant from Bradford Council.

Once again, on behalf of all TSS staff, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout what has been another successful term. I wish you all a peaceful festive time and a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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