

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Update on last day of term and holiday contact tracing

The school will be open as usual on Friday 18 December.

You may have heard or seen through the media that schools could move an INSET day to the last day of term and close early to students for the Christmas holiday. I am writing to inform you that this is **not** the case at Handsworth Grange Community Sports College and the last day of term remains Friday 18 December. It will be a non-uniform day and we will finish at the usual time. Our termly rewards assemblies will take place in the afternoon.

Contact Tracing in the Christmas Break

Schools have been asked by Public Health England and the Department of Education to continue to support contact tracing in the first part of the Christmas Break. As the school is closed for the holiday, this will be operated by staff working from home.

- If your child has symptoms and then tests positive for Covid-19 you must inform us if they were in school in the 48-hour period before the onset of symptoms.
- If your child is asymptomatic (has no symptoms) but still tests positive you must inform us if they have been in school in the 48-hour period before the test was taken.
- In both cases this **must** be done by email to covid@hgsc.co.uk Make sure you provide your child's name, year group and your contact number.

The inbox will be checked on Monday 21, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 December. After this point we will not be available and you should contact NHS 111 to report any positive case.

If your child has been in close contact with a positive case of Covid-19 at school and is required to self-isolate we will contact you by text message and the Parents App.

Thank you for all your support and have great Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely



N Parker
Headteacher