

Dear all Parents & Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support with your child's attendance to school in recent weeks. I know there is a lot of media attention around the position that schools find themselves in currently, but I am delighted that we have managed to keep the Academy open without significant disruption. We will be aiming to continue this next week.

Just as a reminder, we will be finishing for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday 16th December at 12:00pm. This day will also be a Mufti-Day for students, where in exchange for £1 to our chosen charity, they can wear their own clothes to school. This year, our chosen charity is 'Toe 2 Toe' which is a mental health charity for local people.

We are going to take up the option provided to us by the DfE, of a staggered start in January. Therefore, students will return to the Academy on the following days and times:

Wednesday 5th January 9:00am: Year 10 & 11

Thursday 6th January 8:30am: Year 7 & 9

Friday 7th January 8:30am: Year 8

This is to support us with testing on the students return to school. Please note, that we do need your consent to do this. If you have not provided your consent yet, please do so using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEHE-fVTD-I5OjeDcx4Z1MiJUQkNDNDI1SFJRU1hBVUtDSVUxVTNaNkg5MS4u>

Consent needs to be provided before 3:00pm on Friday 17th December please. This will enable to us to organise the process much more smoothly. If you have provided your consent for the recent Supervised Self Testing or in the last few days, you do not need to do this again.

I will ensure that all the above is clarified again next week, before we break up. However, if you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the Academy.

Kind Regards

Mr B Pearce
Principal