

10 December 2020



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term Closure confirmation

As you will be aware, the Autumn Term has been challenging for our school and wider community as the COVID-19 infection rates in the Yorkshire and Humber area have continued to be very high. As a school, we have worked tirelessly with the relevant Public Health and Local Authority teams to take on a much wider health responsibility to support the test and trace efforts to reduce the spread of the infection within our communities and will continue to do so.

Despite the fact the Government has suggested an additional staff training day be taken at the end of the Autumn term, I am writing to confirm that our school will close as planned on Friday 18 December at 2pm. We appreciate that to change arrangements so late in the day will cause challenges for our parents and families in an already uncertain time.

We would like to make you aware of the following arrangements which have been advised by the Department for Education and Public Health England regarding positive case identification and community tracing over the festive break.

Between Friday 18 December and Wednesday 23 December:

- Where a learner 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, Carers and staff should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

*** Between Friday 18 December and Wednesday 23 December:**

- If a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, they should use the systems in place to contact the school via email on office@holderness.academy who will support the Test and Trace team, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

*** Please be aware that the school leadership team will not be on call 24 hours as currently; our office email account will be monitored once per day.**

Between Wednesday 23 December and Monday 4 January 2021

- If a positive test for coronavirus (COVID-19) is received by a member of staff or pupil, they must follow the advice of the NHS Test and Trace team and NOT use the current school systems.

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I appreciate that this is a concerning time for parents, and some have expressed anxiety about the ability to share a family Christmas in line with Government guidelines in the event of a period of self-isolation from a bubble closure. I would like to offer you our continued reassurance that we are working very hard as a staff team to ensure that the health and wellbeing of our children and young people is our first priority. In addition, we hope that you will support us in following the guidance above to enable our staff to enjoy a similar experience with their families.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued trust in the school in ensuring that we have sustained a positive attendance rate, and a supportive and productive learning environment.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Wilson', written in a light grey or blue ink.

Mr S Wilson
Headteacher