



Cardinal Hume Catholic School

11 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of what has been a challenging year for everyone in our community, I would like to thank you for your support and commend our excellent students. The way they have responded to the new measures we have in place, and dealt with the return to school after a long period of missed education, has been outstanding. I am sure you will also join me in thanking our excellent teaching and support staff for their commitment and dedication to the young people during this time.

You may be aware of the government's announcement this week allowing schools to close to pupils on Friday 18th December. Please note that **Cardinal Hume will remain open** as planned, with a finish time of 12.45pm on that date.

During the holidays, we are remaining contactable to continue to allow for positive Covid cases to be confirmed and for pupil and staff contacts in school to be traced and informed.

Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Christmas

The school will close at 12.45 on Friday 18th December. Therefore, the means of communication from that time is via email until we reopen on Monday 4th January.

If your child develops symptoms before midnight on Sunday 20th December, you must inform the school at info@chs.bwcet.com. Please include the name of your child, their tutor group and the date that their symptoms started. Your child must then be tested. Currently, the most effective means of acquiring a test is through the NHS booking system. If your child develops symptoms after that date, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace.

Contact tracing during the Christmas break

Please be aware that the school, on the guidance of the Department for Education and Public Health, will be doing the following:

- Collecting information from symptomatic staff and families of symptomatic pupils
- Pursuing the outcome of any outstanding Covid tests
- Advising families of contact with confirmed Covid cases, and informing them of self-isolation requirements
- Sharing information with Public Health

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the school. I wish you all a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Robson
Headteacher