



“Success For All”

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Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of our first term draws near, I am writing to give you advanced notice of our intention to close the Campus on Thursday 17th December. This decision has been taken following Tuesday's announcement from the Department of Education (DfE) that, where possible, all face to face teaching should end on Thursday 17 December. This will allow schools to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation if a pupil or staff member tests positive for the first 6 days of the holiday period.

What to do over Christmas if your child tests positive

For the first 6 days after school finishes (from Thursday 17th – Wednesday 23rd December 2020), if your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, then please contact the school using the relevant email address below:

Infant school email	infants@nlconline.org.uk
Junior school email	juniors@nlconline.org.uk
High school email	info@nlconline.org.uk

The school will then identify any students that may have been in close proximity to the affected person. The parents of these students will be contacted **by email or text message** and advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their last contact with the positive case.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. You should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Where your child is required to self-isolate due to being in contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

What to do over Christmas if your child has COVID-19 symptoms

If any member of your household displays symptoms of Covid-19, it is vital that all members of the household self-isolate for 14 days, unless a negative test result is received. Symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or by calling 119.

In the event of a member of your household testing positive, all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home, and visitors should not come to your home.

The last days of term

Thursday 17th December 2020 will run as a normal school day.

Friday 18th December 2020 school is closed to all students – students will be expected to access remote learning through a combination of Microsoft Teams lessons & assigned lesson resources.

Any student who does not access the remote learning platform and access the lessons provided will not receive their attendance mark for this day.

Arrangements for the first day of term – Monday 4th January 2021

School re-opens on Monday 4th January 2021 and students will continue to be taught in their bubbles and follow their existing staggered start and finish times. All students must wear their masks in communal spaces and during lesson change over. **Please ensure your child has a face covering and brings it to school every day.** A reminder of the start and finish times for each year group:

- Hub (Red door) – 8.45am - 2.45pm
- Year 7 (Reception Door) - 8.45am – 2.45pm
- Year 8 (Music Door) – 8.50am - 2.50pm
- Year 9 (Red Door) – 8.50am - 2.50pm
- Year 10 (Canteen Door) – 8.45am – 2.45pm
- Year 11 (PE Door) - 8.45am – 2.45pm

Homework over Christmas

After a challenging term, we believe that students should have time to switch off and recharge over the Christmas break. Staff have therefore been asked not to set homework to be completed over this period.

Thank you for your on-going support; on behalf of everyone at Netherhall, I wish you and your family a restful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Kent
Principal