

16th December 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

As the term draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for all your support in the lead up to Christmas.

This period of time has been torrid, not just for us but for all schools across Slough, with the Covid infection rates seriously hampering what we have been able to deliver in almost every centre across Haybrook College. Staff have worked exceptionally hard to try and maintain as 'normal' a school day as possible but with the ever-increasing number of cases throughout the school this has been harder and harder to manage. Many of our centres have been so badly hit but infections that our young people have had to be placed on rotational year group attendance so that we could keep the College running.

I would like to thank you for support, patience and understanding throughout this time. We are hoping that January will see a return to some semblance of normal but with the current predictions of infection rates increasing it is beyond my ability to predict what will happen. Please rest assured that we will do all we can to remain open for as long as we can and have a range of measures in place to safeguard the young people and staff at each centre.

On our return on Wednesday 5th January, we will be inviting all our pupils to take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) to ensure that they are not asymptotically carrying the virus. Therefore, some centres will be staggering the entry of pupils that day to ensure that testing can be carried out in a safe and secure way. All pupils will be in school after they have completed the testing. Your Head of Centre will be in touch with more specific information pertinent to your individual child.

I appreciate that this is some time away but if your child is unwell with Covid symptoms they must not come to school until a PCR test has been completed. Any young person that arrives onsite with what appears to be symptoms will be sent home and asked to go for a PCR test or self-isolate for the required period.

Once again, thank you for all your support throughout this term and we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe festive period.

Kind regards,



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