

Issue 14  
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## Supporting a Safe and Happy Return for All

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. It was lovely to see all the year 3 children this morning in their outfits for today's Egyptian experience. They really do look fantastic and there has clearly been a lot of costume design taking place at home over the last few days, so thank you for that: it does help to bring the history to life for the children. Some photos will be published on the website to give you a flavour of the day.

Next week will be the last week of term and there will be lots of exciting Christmas activities taking place. On Monday, Peter Pan will come to school and we are all looking forward to seeing the performances, Years 3 and 4 will be eating their lunch in their classrooms on this day and will be able to select the option of Pizza Whirl if they would like a school dinner rather than bringing packed lunch. Christmas parties will take place towards the end of the week – Thursday for years 3 and 4 and Friday for years 5 and 6. The children should come into school in their party clothes. Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day are also next Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>).

**School will be open on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> and normal school hours will apply.**

Finally, please continue to inform the school immediately if any member of your household develops symptoms, receives a positive test result or is self-isolating. It is very important that any pupil who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive self isolates for 14 days. You can leave a voice message on the school's answering service 01159534707 at any time or email the school office – [office@westdalejuniors.co.uk](mailto:office@westdalejuniors.co.uk). Again, this can be done at any time.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes to you all,

Rob Slater

# Contact Tracing over the Christmas Holiday

## Contacting the School about COVID-19 during the Christmas Holiday

We sincerely hope that all families have a healthy and COVID-19-free Christmas break. However, we recommend all parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the Christmas holidays:

- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school **should not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Up to and including Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, please report the case to school. We will provide a dedicated email address for this and include it in next week's newsletter.

Correspondence to this email address will be monitored between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. The school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE SCHOOL ANSWERING SERVICE OR USE THE OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS**

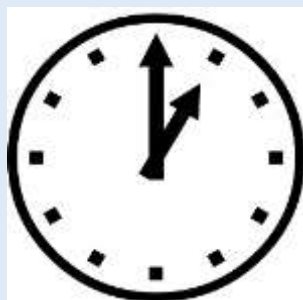
- The school has been instructed by the Department for Education that we do not need to conduct any contact tracing after Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Where students are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, the school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term, Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>

# What happens if there is a Covid 19 outbreak in school?

- If there is an outbreak at the school, local health protection teams will work with the school to agree what action is needed.
- Usually, the school will not need to close, but in the event it does need to close for some or all children, the school will have a contingency plan in place so that your child's education can continue.
- If our local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, the government will decide what actions need to be taken.

## Covid 19 School Rules



Be on time & line up in the correct place



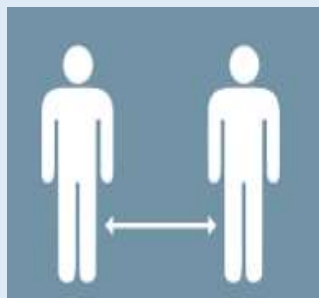
Bring your own water-bottle each day



Follow our hygiene expectations



No school if there are ANY symptoms in your home



Be Smart – Stay Apart



Parents/Carers please wear a face covering in the school building