



Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the last week of term and also the Christmas Period.

Christmas Performance

We will be recording a performance from each class and making this available to parents to view online. These will be approximately 10 minutes. We were initially planning to live stream the performances, but due to technical reasons, we are unable to do so. If you do not wish your children to be recorded as part of this, please let me know in writing, via the QPA email address. We hope you will enjoy the opportunity to hear how brilliantly the children have mastered the glockenspiel this term (a Covid friendly instrument!).

Christmas Cards

Children are able to bring in cards for children in their bubble but we are unable to do the usual letter box I'm afraid.

Christmas Jumper Day

Tomorrow, Friday 11th is Christmas Jumper day at QPA. Please make your donations to Save the Children using the link sent previously. We look forward to seeing the children in their jumpers. I have got Henry (The School Dog) his own jumper for tomorrow, so look out for him on the gate! He will also have a tour of the classrooms tomorrow to show off. 😊

Christmas Celebrations

Each class will hold their own celebrations during next week. We will be providing the children with a sweet treat – these will be wrapped and quarantined as appropriate before handing out to children to enjoy.

Last Day – Friday 18th December

As you may have seen in the press, schools have been given permission to have next Friday as an additional INSET day. We will not be doing this and school will be open to all pupils.

We will, however, still be closing at lunchtime as notified previously.

Children will eat lunch in school and be dismissed in the usual way but at these times:

12.30 – Year 3
12.40 – Year 4
12.45 – 5M and 5N
12.50 – 5B and 5R
12.55 – Year 6

If you have any questions, please let me know.

FSM Vouchers

These have been ordered for any families in receipt of Free School Meals and will be delivered via Text message next Wednesday. If you haven't received this by Thursday 17th, please let me know.

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Positive Covid-19 Cases Over Christmas

The following information sets out exactly what you should do over the Christmas holidays, should your child have a positive test for coronavirus.

1. If your child tests positive for coronavirus **up to and including Sunday 20th December**, please contact the academy using the following email address: holidaycovidcontact@aat.education This is an email for all academies and provisions in our Trust. Therefore, it is really important you clearly state your child's name and the academy they attend. This email address will only be monitored between 0900-1000 daily.
2. If your child tests positive for coronavirus from **Monday 21st December**, please contact NHS Test and Trace directly and follow the contact tracing instructions provided. **There is NO requirement to contact the academy.** Should the academy be required to support the tracing of contacts, this will be following communication directly from Test and Trace to the academy. Members of the academy will be available via this method up to and including Thursday 24th December, as is the case nationally.
3. If your child tests positive for coronavirus **after Thursday 24th December**, you need to communicate directly with NHS Test and Trace as above but there is **no requirement for you to inform the academy until the first day of the new term.**

The Test and Trace service can be contacted directly by telephoning 119 or alternatively you can book a test online by going to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please note that the arrangements above should only be followed if your **child** at QPA (not a household member or sibling) tests positive.

There is no requirement to make contact to just report symptoms or to notify that you intend to take a test.

We want to thank you all again for your support and cooperation this term. It has been a particularly challenging term for everyone but we are lucky to have such a supportive community working with us; it makes such a difference. I would also like to thank all the staff that work at QPA. Ensuring that the school has been a safe and calm environment has not been easy and straight forward and we have had to deal with challenges that none of us anticipated when we trained to become teachers! I am in awe of everything the staff have done this term to make the children feel safe and happy, and to maintain a high standard of education in the strangest of circumstances. The children have also been amazing and have worked incredibly hard, making excellent progress this term.

I hope you all manage to have a peaceful break when it comes and enjoy watching the performances (we will send the links at the end of next week).

Best wishes,

Mrs Simmons
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