

11 December 2020

To: all Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas. I hope that you all remain healthy and well over the Christmas break. It has been an extraordinary term and it has been good to have the students back and settled into their learning. They seem confident and supported in school and if you do have concerns about their mental health and wellbeing please contact us.

We would like to ensure that the community remains safe this Christmas and despite being given the option to close on 18 December 2020 we have decided that this is not in the best interests of the families and students that we serve. It seems too short notice for families to find childcare and we do not wish to further disrupt the Year 11 mocks. We will therefore be open as in previous communications with 18 December being our last day. If in the unfortunate circumstances that your child becomes ill we would urge you to act swiftly to get a test so that we can contact families and avoid any risks to our community. The drive through testing centres are a faster method of getting a test and result than the mail delivery options, and I would urge any parent/carer to use this type of service where possible if you need a test.

The school will check the [office@](mailto:office@taverhamhigh.org) email address up until Monday 21 December 2020 at 5:00 pm to communicate with parents/carers and ensure that the students are contacted to isolate. After this time the NHS Track and Trace Team will work with the Norfolk Outbreak Management Team to provide the track and trace provision. Norfolk County Council has issued this guidance to support schools and all staff to avoid schools being on call over the Christmas period.

Following my recent letter of 4 November 2020 advising that we have had a number of students undergoing testing, I just wanted to inform you that we have had no further positive Covid test results and we have a couple of results outstanding. We can also confirm that we have no members of staff waiting for test results. Should your child develop any symptoms over the break please could I ask you to keep the school informed via the office@taverhamhigh.org email address so that we can continue to log absences when we return in the New Year.

Thank you for your support this year. I wish you all a relaxing break.

Yours faithfully



Ms C Dallas
Headteacher