



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to remind you that school closes tomorrow, Thursday 17 December, at the end of the day. Students will enjoy some seasonal activities tomorrow afternoon with their form tutors, including a recorded end of term assembly.

Please look out for our newsletter which will be distributed very shortly. This rounds up some of the highlights of the term.

Can I also remind you about arrangements for reporting Covid cases over the holiday period.

Reporting positive Covid-19 cases in students after school closes

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms **within 48 hours since being in school (i.e. up to 3.15pm on Saturday 19 December)** you should **contact school** via admin@crossleyheath.org.uk and provide the following information to allow us to trace students your child may have been in close contact with:

- Student name and form
- Date symptoms started
- Date of test and results (if applicable)
- Close Contacts in school (who/when and for how long)
- Mode of transport to and from school (walk/bus/drop off and collected)
- If your child takes the bus to school, which route?

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms after **more than 48 hours since being in school** you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by **NHS Test and Trace** <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/> Please note messages to the school email address will not be picked up after 3.15pm on Saturday 19 December.

Calderdale's Public Health Team have asked us to pass on the following message to you.

Message from the Calderdale Children's Public Health Team

The Government's announcement that we can form a "Christmas bubble" over the festive break gives us all a much longed for opportunity to meet up with friends and family, some of whom we may not have seen for many months. It is important though that we do this as safely as possible, so as not to put those we love at increased risk.

- Christmas bubbles can be made up of people from up to three households. You can only be in one Christmas bubble though, so you can't change your bubble from day to day.

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- If you're meeting indoors over Christmas, try to keep some distance from others; keep windows open as much as the weather allows; wash your hands often; and wipe down frequently touched surfaces regularly.
- If anyone in your household develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms, arrange a test and don't meet with friends and family.
- Look after friends and family who are clinically vulnerable by reducing contact with them.

Remember, you don't have to meet up with others over the Christmas break if you don't feel comfortable doing so. Unfortunately, COVID-19 hasn't gone away. If you are struggling, there is help available:

- Calderdale Council COVID-19 support: 01422 392890
- Citizens Advice: 0300 330 9048
- Healthy Futures Calderdale (for families with school-aged children): Tel 0303 330 9974 or text 07480 635297 (young people) or 07507 332157 (parents/carers)
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Samaritans: 116 123

Thank you again for your support for your children and the school over the past term. It is invaluable and much appreciated. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable break over the Christmas period.

Yours sincerely



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