



Olive AP Academy
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Executive Headteacher - Collette Hunnisett

All parent/carers

1 December 2021

Dear parent/carer

End and start of term arrangements

The academy will also be closing early on Friday 17 December 2021 for the Christmas Break and pupils will be leaving at 12.45pm.

- a take-away lunch will be served at 12.30pm and taxis have been amended accordingly

Covid-19 testing during the holidays and on return in January 2022

As per the guidance published by the Department of Education, we will be testing pupils upon their return to the academy in January 2022 and we will continue to encourage twice weekly testing and reporting using lateral flow device test. We will also be providing home test kits for pupils to bring home so they can continue to test over the holiday period.

This guidance also reflects our practise within the academy that face covering will not be enforced for staff or pupils in classrooms but will not prevent anyone from wearing one should they wish (this decision will be kept under review). We will however be asking pupils to wear a mask in taxis to and from the academy.

If the guidelines change due to news of the recent announcements regarding the Omicron variant, we will endeavour to keep you updated and details will also be published on our website.

We also encourage all pupils to have Covid vaccinations and further information can be found on our website [Olive Academies | COVID-19 information & support](#)

First day of term – Wednesday 5 January 2022

To accommodate the Covid testing of all pupils on the first day of term, we will be staggering the start times as follows:

Year 11 pupils	9.00am start
Year 10 pupils	9.30am start
Years 7 – 9 pupils	10.00am start

Taxis will be amendment accordingly.

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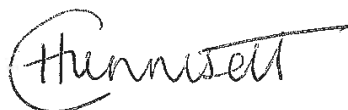
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last academic term and we are very much looking forward to everything the New Year brings. I wish you all an enjoyable festive break.

Season's greetings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hunnisett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular initial 'H' and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Collette Hunnisett
Executive Headteacher