



December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHRISTMAS BREAK

Due to a late change in government guidance, your child will now break up for the Christmas holidays on **THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER AT HER USUAL FINISH TIME.**

There will be an additional teaching day to replace the 18th December on Monday 19th July 2021.

Your daughter should attend school every day until the end of term. As well as the celebratory events, your daughter will miss vital learning if she is absent.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. If you need to report a pupil as positive for Covid-19 please email covidpositive@stjohnbosco.org.uk

Where a pupil or staff member 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. School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing requests beyond Wednesday 23 December.

Due to a staff inset day, students return to school on **TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021**. Please ensure that your child arrives back to school adhering to the high standards of uniform and is equipped with a face covering. I will be reintroducing the school punctuality system from January onwards; where any child who is late to school twice in a two-week period will receive an hour detention after school within her year group.

I am grateful for your support during what has been a very 'different' term and wish you all a safe and restful break and a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely
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