

15th December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break I wanted to write to you to provide you with an update on the Covid -19 situation in college.

The final day of term will be 18th December, as per our calendar. We have been instructed to continue contact tracing for 6 days after the final day of term, taking us to Christmas Eve, 24th December. **If your child is isolating and takes a test, the result should be emailed to emma.boswell@coopacademies.co.uk as soon as it is received (up to and including 24th December).** Should you have any questions about this, then please do get in touch and we will support you with this. If your child receives a positive test after this date, there is no need to report this to college until we return on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

We continue to experience positive cases in both year groups although the frequency of cases appears to be reducing. The number of positive cases before October half term stood at 18. We have had a further 8 cases since then. Thank you to all our parents/carers for your understanding of the measures that we have been required to take following our communications with Public Health England.

In a small number of cases students have come into college when someone in their household has symptoms. To date 9 students have come into College when they should not have done and have subsequently tested positive, causing a total of 207 students to isolate and 2 staff which led to **over 2000 lost College days.**

Finally, we continue to be aware that this is a period of real uncertainty for us all. We understand that this can impact young people in different ways and would wish to remind you that should you have any concerns about your child please contact us and we will work with you to further support them.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish each and every family a wonderful Christmas break. We hope it will be a time for joy, celebration and optimism for the New Year to come.

Best wishes

Jane Hopcroft
Principal