

11th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing with some general information relating to the current situation. School will be closed to all students during February half term. This is important for students and staff to try and have a break before we (hopefully) see the return of more students before Easter.

Opening next half term:

The Prime Minister announced recently that schools will not open fully after half term, but may start to open more widely from 8th March, depending on the advice from Public Health England and the medical advisors to the government. We should know more on the 22nd February and will, of course, keep you informed. This being the case, EBN 2 will re-open from Monday 22nd February for the most vulnerable students and those with critical worker as parent who have requested an onsite place for their child. All other students will remain on the current timetable, attending school on their allocated day as agreed and continuing with remote learning for the remainder of the week. The work pack for w.b. 22nd February will be delivered this week.

If your child does not currently attend school and you would like them too, then please contact us directly at the Academy.

Uniform:

If your child is attending school after half term, please ensure that they are wearing the correct uniform. This includes completely black footwear. If they do not wear correct uniform they may not be allowed into school.

GCSE's:

The government have informed us that following a consultation period further information regarding the grading of GCSEs will be announced on 22nd Feb. Year 11 parents will be updated on any developments as we are given them.

Reports:

Enclosed with this pack is your child's report for the Academic Year so far. Subject grades included on this report working at grades based on the children's work to date this year. They are not predicted grades.

Track and Trace over Half Term:

We will continue to contact trace any positive COVID cases during February half term. Please read the information below as it is very important.

Reporting positive cases during the school holiday

1. Where a student tests positive for COVID-19, having developed *symptoms* more than *48 hours* since being in school (i.e. after Monday 15th February), the school should **not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
2. For the first 6 days after the last day in school, if a student *tests positive* for COVID-19, having developed *symptoms* within *48 hours* of being in school, the school has been asked to help identify close contacts and *advise* self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
3. There is no need to contact school after 18th February if your child tests positive. However, please do keep us informed if your child is unwell as you would do normally.

Please contact myself on 07803210275 or mbaldwin@ebnfs.org if your child has a positive case in line with these guidelines or you are unsure on what to do in the event of a positive case.

I hope that all of our students, staff and families stay healthy in the run up to the holidays so everyone can have a well-earned break. Thank you very much for your continued support and understanding, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr M Baldwin', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr M Baldwin
Executive Head Teacher