

9 December 2020

Dear Families,

As the Christmas holidays approach, I want to thank you for your support this term as we continue to tackle the challenge of Coronavirus. Inevitably, this has had an impact on many of our pupils and staff team this term, but we continue to work hard and plan to ensure our pupils can access our ambitious, broad curriculum whilst being safe.

### End of Term

Following guidance from the government published on 8<sup>th</sup> December, The Rise has decided to move its last day of term to **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of December is now an INSET day with the school closed to pupils. We will add this teaching day to the summer term so that the summer term will now finish on Wednesday 22 July at 1pm (instead of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July).

This means that any track and trace implications from contact in school will be resolved by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and people can travel and enjoy their time with their family without worrying about a notification from over the Christmas days.

### After the end of Term

Unfortunately, corona will not stop just because term has ended. Therefore please use the info sheet on the next page to understand what you need to do.

It is crucial you inform us of any changes to your son or daughter's health due to Coronavirus during this period as it could impact not just the end of term, notifying other families and staff about self-isolating but the start of the new term.

I hope you find it clear and helpful, but do get in touch before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> if you do have any questions.

We will be contactable at certain points on a different email address ([covid.comms@theriseschool.com](mailto:covid.comms@theriseschool.com)).

Otherwise, have a sincerely wonderful Christmas holidays and we look forward to welcoming your child back to 2021 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at the normal time.

Kind regards,

Helen Ralston  
Head of School

## INFO SHEET FOR FAMILIES:

### Q: What do I do if my child/young person becomes symptomatic after the end of term?

A: The Rise is closed and therefore cannot provide a test. Nevertheless, **please book and conduct a test ASAP** as a positive result could have an impact across the community and we would need to alert other staff and families. The shortest possible gap between symptoms beginning and getting a test is essential. The government has made it clear that school leaders continue to be responsible for track and trace for 6 days after the last day of term. This means that we will be monitoring and responding to issues until 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

### Q: We did the test, the result was negative, what do I need to do next?

Nothing. There is no need to inform further.

### Q: We did the test, the result was positive, what do I need to do next?

Inform us. Please see the table below for more information:

Date when symptoms began:	Immediate Action:	When can they return?
14 <sup>th</sup> December – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Email <a href="mailto:covid.comms@theriseschool.com">covid.comms@theriseschool.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of child</li> <li>• date that symptoms began</li> <li>• date test taken</li> <li>• date result received</li> <li>• date child was last in school</li> </ul>	Their 10 days of self-isolation will be finished during the Christmas break.  Therefore, they can return on the Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 if they have been free of a high temperature for 48 hours.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	There is no need to inform us if your child <b>becomes symptomatic and tests positive</b> between these dates.	Their 10 days of self-isolation will be finished during the Christmas break.  Therefore, they can return on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 if they have been free of a high temperature for 48 hours.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Email <a href="mailto:covid.comms@theriseschool.com">covid.comms@theriseschool.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of child</li> <li>• date that symptoms began</li> </ul>	Their 10 days of self-isolation will NOT be finished during the Christmas break.



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- date test taken
- date result received

Therefore, we will get in touch on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to confirm their return date.

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