

# **Cardinal Langley RC High School**

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Dear Parent / Carer

I never expected that I would still be writing to you regarding Covid-19 almost two years after the emergence of the virus. This has been another difficult term for staff and students but thankfully we have continued to have a relatively low level of cases. The new Omicron variant is a concern and the guidance for schools has been updated. I will continue to keep you fully informed and thank you for your continued support. Below are some important information items.

## Last Day of Term

School will close for all students at 1.30pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. School will be closed during the two week holiday but please continue to use <u>admin@clrchs.co.uk</u> to report any positive cases.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Rochdale Council have decided to issue supermarket vouchers to families who are eligible for free school meals. The vouchers for the Christmas period should reach parents/carers by 13<sup>th</sup> December, by email or to a mobile phone, with instructions on how to access them.

Please be aware that the decisions as to who is eligible, which parent/carer should receive the voucher, and by what method, are in the hands of Rochdale Revenues and Benefits and the school has no control over this. We have been told that vouchers for Christmas 2021 will be issued to those who are deemed eligible as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Further details can be found on our website at <u>https://www.clrchs.co.uk/school-holiday-meal-vouchers/</u>

### Start of Term

All schools have been asked to provide one on-site Covid-19 test at the start of the new term in January. In order to facilitate the testing only Year 11 and Sixth Form students will return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January with all other students returning on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Regular Testing Over the Holiday**

PCR kits were issued last week in order to help protect our community as we approach the Christmas break. It is strongly recommended that students continue to complete the twice weekly lateral flow tests over the Christmas period and replacement kits can be collected from Student Services at school or from local pharmacies.

I wish you and your families keep safe over Christmas and I will continue to update you with any changes to the guidance.

Mr A Bridson Headteacher









