



15 December 2021

Christmas Guidance for Parents

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and understanding. Despite the new COVID guidelines, I do hope that you will have many opportunities to celebrate with family and friends over the Christmas break.

There are a couple of important messages that we would like to share with you:

1. Arrangements for Tuesday 4th January

The College does not need to be notified if your child tests positive for COVID during the Christmas holidays. However, if your child is required to isolate after the 4th January 2022 then:

Please notify the College using the usual email: COVIDabsence@sjd.ac.uk

We will then review these emails when we re-open on the 4th January 2021.

2. LFT testing

We strongly encourage you to continue regular testing and report in your results to the NHS link during the Christmas break. We have given your child a further supply of LFT tests this week to enable them to do this. In line with the government guidelines for a Sixth Form setting, please ensure that your child has taken a self test LFT at home either the evening or the morning before their return on the 4th January.

3. Arrangements in College in January

Just as a reminder that in line with the current guidance we ask that students continue to wear face coverings when moving in College and in communal areas, hand sanitise on entry to classrooms, respect each other's distance and continue to

exercise good judgement to keep themselves and others safe. Should there be any changes to the guidance we will update by email to both our students and parents.

4. Online Safety

As many of our students may be using the internet more during this time we wanted to remind all of our parents and students of the importance of ensuring that they are keeping themselves safe and only accessing reputable sites.

Your child has received advice from their Progress Mentor in tutorials and I have set out in the attached document some specific advice and protocols, the following links may also provide you with further advice to help you support your child.

[Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online

[Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

[getsafeonline.org](#) - practical advice for parents on online safety.

On behalf of all of our College community, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Stephanie Dean