

End of Autumn Half-Term 2 2021/ Start of Spring Half-Term 1 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you are well and would like to start by thanking you once more for all of your support this half-term; as always it is much appreciated. I am writing to remind you of arrangements for the end of this term and for the beginning of the new term.

Firstly, a reminder that Autumn Half-Term 2 finishes on **Thursday 16th December at 12.15pm**. Students will be provided with a “grab bag of food” and Christmas gift upon departure.

In order to minimise risk when students return to school in January 2022, in line with government guidance, we will be reopening our on-site Coronavirus testing centre. In the week commencing Wednesday January 5th, all students will be offered a “lateral flow” test, this is to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus by identifying asymptomatic cases. Testing will be available between the hours of 10.00am and 1.00pm on the day of your child’s year group testing (a schedule of which is detailed below).

Day	Activity
Wednesday 5 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 students come to school to be tested for Coronavirus only and return home once they have had test. Year 11 students do not attend work experience placements this week. • Year 9 and Year 10 students remain at home on this day.
Thursday 6 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 students in school for full teaching. • Year 10 students come to school to be tested for Coronavirus only and return home once they have had test. Year 10 students do not attend work experience placements this week. • Year 9 students remain at home on this day.
Friday 7 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 and Year 11 students in school for full teaching. • Year 9 students come to school to be tested for Coronavirus only and return home once they have had test. • No enrichment sessions for this week only so school finishes at 12pm.
Monday 10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students in school for full teaching. • All school activities running fully as normal for all year groups including work experience and enrichment sessions.

For your child to access Lateral Flow Testing in school, it is essential if you have not already done so that you return a completed consent form to us. This can be done quickly and easily using the online form at: <https://www.theedgeacademy.co.uk/covid-form/>. **Without the consent form, your child cannot receive a Lateral Flow Test in school.** Although the tests are voluntary, we strongly encourage every single family who have not already done so to complete the consent form so that we can make the school the safest it can possibly be.

If you require any more support or have any questions regarding Covid-19 testing, please contact our Medical Lead and Designated Senior Person Calum Hill at calum.hill@theedgeacademy.co.uk. If there are any further changes to school arrangements associated with the Coronavirus pandemic over the Christmas Holidays, we will communicate them to you prior to the start of term.

I would also like to give advance warning of an additional training day agreed by governors in our 2021/22 calendar which will take place on Wednesday February 2nd. This is due to the exceptional circumstances of us joining the South Area Network Board and us aligning with their CPD programme.

Finally, if you need anything from us over the holiday period, don't forget that we have a dedicated e-mail address for any safeguarding issues you need assistance with which is safeguarding@theedgeacademy.co.uk and a dedicated safeguarding section of our website at: <https://www.theedgeacademy.co.uk/safeguarding-2/>

A reminder too that you can follow the latest updates and get in touch with us on all of the major social media platforms by following the links below:

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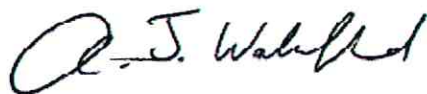
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As usual, please also feel free to contact me directly at andrew.wakefield@theedgeacademy.co.uk if there are any further questions I can assist with in any way regarding this letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. J. Wakefield".

Andrew Wakefield

Principal