



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

17th December 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

The end of autumn term provides us with an opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved and the very many things that are still to be worked on in the New Year. As you are aware, at Ormiston Denes Academy we are on a journey of improvement and this term we have endeavored to make every day better than the one that went before it. This requires energy and enthusiasm and I would like to take a moment to thank my staff for being truly exceptional and for always putting our students at the centre of every decision and every action. I'd also like to thank all of you at home for your kind words, support and encouragement this term. It really makes a difference. Thank you for sending your fantastic children to us every day. They make it all worthwhile.

Although the academy is closed over the Christmas period, should you require any additional support, our website has a number of useful links of services and materials to help you and your loved ones. To access these, please click on the relevant links:

- [SAFEGUARDING](#)
- [MENTAL HEALTH](#)
- [LGBTQ+](#)
- [YOUNG CARERS](#)

The anonymous reporting form and CEOP button can also be found on our [website homepage](#).

Following the information outlined in my letter last week regarding our phased return, to enable on site lateral flow testing, the key information relating to the staggered arrival times is found [HERE](#), and further guidance about the tests themselves can be accessed [HERE](#). Any changes to this return brought about by Government decisions will be communicated to all parents from 4th January onwards.

As you may be aware, guidance relating to isolation for a positive CV19 case has recently changed. From 14th December, anyone aged 5 years and over who lives in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is now strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days. If any of these lateral flow tests are positive, they should self-isolate in order to protect other people.

If they test negative, they can continue to attend school. If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Please do contact the academy if you have any questions about this new guidance.



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We are very proud to show off our winning Christmas card, mentioned in my previous letter. Congratulations again to Ella for her amazing design - click [here](#) to see it.

We are immensely proud to be launching the first of our termly magazines. "Discover Denes" can be viewed by clicking [here](#). We want this to be a celebration and somewhere we can show off all the amazing, kind and clever students we have here at Denes.

I have once again recorded a Christmas message for you all, which can be viewed [here](#).

Have a wonderful Christmas. Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Williams".

Kate Williams
Principal