



OLD BUCKENHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL

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10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The Government announced this week that schools can choose to close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and offer a remote INSET day for staff. If schools make this choice they are asked to make up the teaching time at another point in the academic year.

Old Buckenham High School will **remain open** to all students on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We feel that it is too late for families to organise childcare, for arrangements to be in place for those entitled for free school meals and for meaningful staff training to be offered. In addition, we have planned our curriculum to include this as a teaching day and would like to complete our units of work as planned.

The key reason behind the Government offer to close early is track and trace. The chart below identifies when the school needs to be contacted if your child has a positive test for coronavirus. If symptoms began up to and including 18<sup>th</sup> December school needs to be notified to support with contact tracing. Please use my email [head@obhs.co.uk](mailto:head@obhs.co.uk) to contact the school. After this date families are asked to follow the instructions given by the NHS track and trace and inform the Sapientia Education Trust (SET) Team on [01953 609001](tel:01953609001) of any positive cases. The SET phone will be available 10am – 3.15pm across the Christmas period (excluding public holidays and until 1pm on Christmas Eve) if an answer phone message is left please share your child's name, your name, contact number and our school name.

Scenario A - No INSET Day on 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec				
Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)	Between Mon 14/12/20 to Fri 18/12/20	Sat 19/12/20	Sun 20/12/20	Mon 21/12/20 to Sun 03/01/21
<b>Setting Responsibility:</b>	Yes:	Yes:	Yes:	No:
In-school/setting contact tracing required IF POSITIVE CASE HAD BEEN IN SETTING	As normal	Contact trace for Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Contact trace for Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Case was not in setting

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for your support with our measures to prevent the spread of Covid 19.

Yours sincerely

A Fell  
Headteacher

