



# The William Henry Smith School

December 2021

Hope you are well and prepared for Christmas.

Following the Annual General Meeting of the Governors held at the School, I am now pleased to be able to share with you the contents of the Principal & Governors' Annual Report (2020/2021), and all the newsletters - a reminder of all the amazing learning experiences, activities and events we have enjoyed during the year.

Please also find enclosed the term dates for 2022/23.

## Covid19

The changes announced nationally at the start of this week in response to the Omicron variant have not had a significant impact on how we are operating. Can I ask parents and carers to continue to undertake regular lateral flow testing (twice weekly) and to seek a PCR test if symptoms are evident?

Over the Christmas period, we shall continue to ask families to report to school if anyone in households develop symptoms, or has a positive test result. Please email Caroline Booth at: [covidreporting@whsschool.org.uk](mailto:covidreporting@whsschool.org.uk) or if critical call 07850227965.

## Omicron Variant

This means for our school community that if an individual returns a positive result for the Omicron Variant, ALL contacts MUST isolate for ten days regardless of their vaccination status. Contact means, not just household contact but community contact also. You will be contacted and sent a separate testing kit. Again, please inform school of any positive result of Omicron.

## January LFD testing

Schools have once again been asked to conduct a one-off lateral flow test for secondary age pupils on return to school in January. These will take place on the morning of the 5th January as students return to school.

And finally, a reminder that students will finish for the Christmas holiday on Thursday 16th December at 3.30pm and will return on Wednesday 5th January at 10.30am.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas. Many thanks for all your support.

The best of wishes,

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