



Huntcliff School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to say thank you for your continued support during these very difficult times. Whole school attendance has been steady at around 92% throughout this term, which is significantly above the current national average, and this has helped provide a smooth transition back into full-time learning following the first national lockdown. Thank you for supporting your child's attendance this term.

As the Christmas break approaches and with a rise in positive COVID cases within the locality, anxiety levels are understandably high for a lot of people. It is more important than ever that safety protocols are followed by everyone and I ask for your support in encouraging your child to follow these expectations at all times.

Every student must come to school each day with a face mask as it is a requirement that masks are worn in all indoor/congested areas. If your child travels on a bus to and from school they are required to wear a face mask at all times during the journey. Duty staff check each morning and afternoon that students are wearing their masks as they get off and on the buses. We will always supply a disposable mask to any student who does not have their own mask, but we should not have to do this as it is the students' responsibility to bring their own face mask to school each day. Please support your child in this matter where necessary.

The school closes to students for the Christmas break on Thursday 17th December 2020 at 3.00pm and re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2021. If your child should test positive for COVID during the period up to and including Wednesday 23rd December 2020, please inform the school by completing the "Report an Absence" form on our school website: (<https://www.huntcliff.n-lincs.sch.uk/parents/report-an-absence/>). This will allow us to assist Public Health England with the necessary track and trace. There is no requirement to inform the school of any positive cases **after** 23rd December, until the first day of the new term.

On another matter, we are aware of a number of false and misleading comments being posted on social media about the school. Such comments have the potential to cause a great deal of reputational damage to the school. I would ask that, if anyone has any concerns, that they contact the school directly and we shall work with you to resolve any issues. Resorting to posting messages on social media is often not the best way to sort out any perceived issues.

We wish you a peaceful, enjoyable and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Patrick Daley
Headteacher

