



17 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I would like to thank you for your great support over the last term. Your children have been wonderful. They have listened to safety guidelines and they have followed them. I think they have enjoyed their lessons too and I know the staff have really embraced the challenges we have all faced. I am really proud of everyone.

So many students have participated in extracurricular sports when it has been safe to do so. It's quite incredible. Today they have seen the launch of our new sports team names and I am sure they will share them with you. One team *had* to be called The Hayfield Foxes! If not then here is the link <https://youtu.be/kPEE6W6EErU>. They have had a form group Christmas party, watched parts of our virtual Christmas show <https://youtu.be/DmkHm6jWsfk>. Well done to all those students who participated in the show. This was followed by a panto style 'mish mash' of the staff making fools of themselves. It was all in good spirit and very noisy!

Year 11 have really stepped up and worked hard in their mock examinations. Hopefully this will give us an accurate picture of what we need to plan for in the coming months so that they are as prepared as possible for the summer exam season. Well done!

### **Farewells**

We say farewell to two key members of staff today. Mr Melia, Deputy Headteacher. He is retiring after 34 years of teaching. The students have seen what a good dancer he was with one of his first PE groups, way back in 1991. I am sure they found it as amusing as I did. Mr Bramhill has earned a promotion to Assistant Headteacher. He was a former student at The Hayfield School and has done a wonderful job returning as a teacher and then Associate Assistant Headteacher. Both are true professionals and I am sure you share our best wishes to them both.

### **Covid-19**

We feel very fortunate at the moment and are keeping our fingers crossed. We have had 15 positive student cases and 4 staff cases. No-one that we are aware of is currently positive.

The guidance for self-isolation has changed and has reduced to 10 days (formerly 14).

We will continue to work to our plans and continue to monitor.

### **Reporting Positive Cases over the Christmas holiday period.**

Please report positive student cases through [office@thehayfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:office@thehayfieldschool.co.uk) up to and including Wednesday 23 December. After that date you do not need to report positive cases until we return to school.

### **Arrangements**

- School closes on Thursday 17 December at 12.10 pm.
- Friday 18 December 2020 and Monday 4 January 2021 are training days.

- School re-opens to students on Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 8.40 am.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe, look out for each other, plenty of fresh air and enjoy time with family.

Best wishes on behalf of The Hayfield School



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