

The Newman Catholic Collegiate



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Dear Parents/Carers

At 2.15pm on Tuesday 8th December the Government emailed all school advising them to close to pupils on the last day of term (Friday 18th December). The Directors met last night and gave great consideration to this advice.

The Directors have decided that all schools across the Collegiate will be **closed on Friday 18th December**, and so your child's last day in school before the Christmas break will be **Thursday 17th December**. This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made so the schools across the Collegiate can continue to assist the Government with track and trace.

If any child receives a positive test for COVID-19 on any date, up to and including Wednesday 23rd December, I ask that you inform the school by email stjoseph@sjnewman.co.uk. This will enable us to identify any contacts. Please rest assured we are very hopeful that we will not need to do this. After 23rd December you will not be asked to report any positive cases to the school until we return on Monday 4th January 2021. Please also note that if your child develops symptoms more than 48 hrs after their last day in school, which result in a positive test, these should not be reported to the school either.

I should like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you. As you know, we have followed Government advice throughout the pandemic and it would be inappropriate if we did not continue to do so. As a Collegiate we had 1 training day that has not been planned and so the remainder of the term dates for the year will be unchanged and your child will receive the full allocation of teaching days.

Finally, I should like to offer my thanks to everyone across the Collegiate for their support during this last year. It has been wonderful to see us come together as a community and support each other in these most testing of times. I would like to thank all the staff across the Collegiate who have worked so hard to keep everything as normal as possible for your wonderful children. I hope we can continue to come together and fulfil our mission of, 'Growing together for Life.'

Please use the rest of the Advent period to fully prepare for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas day

God Bless you all.

Ian Beardmore
Senior Executive Leader
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