

23rd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all keeping well in these trying times. We have been very fortunate at Albright to have kept ourselves Covid-free. I wanted to thank you for yours and your children's support in this as it is by all working together and following the guidelines that we continue to keep everybody safe. On that note, I am writing to you with our plans as we approach the Christmas holidays.

After lots of consideration, we have decided to make the last week of term and the first week of next term a whole school virtual/remote learning experience for all pupils/ staff. The plans are aimed at being **proactive and preventative**.

Rationale:

- Gives children two weeks before Christmas to isolate so they do not potentially transmit any coronavirus infection in the run up to their family festivities.
- Gives children two weeks after Christmas to isolate so they're not potentially bringing Coronavirus back into school with them after family gatherings over the holidays.

Plan

- All pupils will receive a very structured timetable (which will be received in the next week) to include virtual, live lessons. Mornings would consist of live lessons with their teachers. Afternoon activities would be more project based/therapeutic activities to cover the other subject areas. Pastoral and well-being check ins would feature every day.
- All pupils will receive a ring-binder with all work booklets/resources - divided into the two weeks. These will need to be returned to be marked and will serve as evidence of work covered.
- Daily home visits during term time, will take place for *some* pupils. Others will receive daily attendance calls – as we did before.
- Attendance would still be monitored – THIS IS NOT AN EXTENDED HOLIDAY – pupils will be expected to participate in all timetabled lessons.
- Mrs Powers will be in touch over the next few days to confirm pupils' access to devices so we can update our records and plan appropriately.
- Weekly Free School Meal parcels will be delivered by Community Transport as before.

This is a way of remaining safe over a period where there will be increased mixing of households and families.

This way, pupils still get their education, albeit off-site, yet everyone stays safe.

The planned Christmas activities will be moved to the Thursday and Friday of the week before - I'll put out detailed plans over the next week.

Thank you for everything everyone has done so far, let's hope we all continue to stay well over the festive period.

Yours sincerely



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