



3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have all had a magical and healthy Christmas and enjoyed watching the performances we sent you. Amazingly, we had 720 views of the Christmas Nativity on our YouTube channel, which was fabulous! The academy opens again on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January for all pupils and we are all very excited for the start of the New Year. PE lessons will start again next week, so your child can attend the academy in their uniform all this week. The PE timetable was sent in my letter before Christmas, which can be found on our website if you need to double check the days.

As COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly, we will continue with the restrictions we had in place last term. Children will still be working in bubbles across classes/year groups, and we will reduce mixing within the academy as much as we can. Below I have included some questions and answers you may have regarding the recent changes in guidance and a reminder of our start and finish times.

### **What time should my child attend the academy?**

Staggered start and finish times will remain so please ensure you check the table below and stick to the times so we can avoid congestion on the playground and near the doors. Remember once you have your child, please leave straight away to keep everyone safe.

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Morning Drop Off</b>	<b>End of the Day Pick Up</b>
A-G	8:45	3:15
H-O	8:50	3:20
P-Z	8:55 (doors close at 9.00)	3:25

### **What happens if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive?**

If your child has COVID-19 [symptoms](#) they should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should [arrange to have a PCR test](#) as soon as possible for them. If this PCR test result is positive, they must continue to self-isolate.

If they do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but have a positive PCR test result, they must stay at home and self-isolate. All results need to be emailed to the office.

### **How long should my child isolate for?**

Your child's isolation period starts immediately from when their symptoms started, or, if they do not have any symptoms, from when the positive LFD or PCR test was taken, whichever test was taken first. The isolation period includes the day the symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if they do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.

Your child may be able to end their self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days. They can take a LFD test from 6 days after the day their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to the academy. If either of the tests are positive, they must continue to isolate until they get two negative LFD tests or have completed their 10 day isolation. Again, please notify the academy office of these results.

### **Can my child access Remote Learning?**

Remote Learning is only available for any child who is isolating as a result of COVID-19, and is still well enough to join in with lessons. Please contact the academy office and they will send you information how to join and let your child's teacher know this will be happening.

### **What happens if my child is a close contact of someone who tests positive?**

All children aged 5 years and over who have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19, are now strongly advised to:

- take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days
- take this daily lateral flow test before they leave their home for the first time that day

If any of these lateral flow tests are positive, they should immediately self-isolate in order to protect other people.

### **I am concerned about my child being at the academy while COVID-19 cases are still high**

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that children regularly attend school. I can assure you that we take all the measures we can to ensure the academy is as safe as it can be and follow the government guidance. Staff do not mix within the academy, like the children, and wear masks when they are not teaching, eating or drinking. We have regular cleaning, rooms are well ventilated, and children are encouraged to sanitise when they enter and leave a room. Mrs Lindsay or I are happy to discuss this further with you, should you require.

All the staff at Croxby are looking forward to starting their new topics this term and sharing new knowledge with your children. Remember to visit the TeamCroxby section on our website to see what your child will be learning this term.

If you have any questions, please contact the academy office.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Co-Headteacher