



December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this term starts to draw to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for the continued support and patience that you, as parents and carers, have offered to all of the staff here at The Castle Rock School during this unique time. This term has been one like no other. Not only have we merged two schools but we have also had the added pressure brought about by the global pandemic.

As Mrs Patrick has mentioned, after the Christmas break we will be joined by our new Head of School, Mr Duncan Baldwin. We are looking forward to welcoming him to our school, and I am pleased to be supporting him in my role as Deputy Headteacher alongside Mr Rowbottom and Ms Booth. On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, staff and students who have supported me as Interim Head of School for the past two and half years.

At the end of this term we will be saying a fond farewell to Mr Marvell, Mr Smith and Miss Daya. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them well in their new roles at their new schools.

On Friday 18th December, school will be closing a little earlier:

- Year 11, 12 and 13 will be leaving at 12pm
- Year 9 and 10 will be leaving at 12:15pm
- Year 7 and 8 will be leaving at 12:30pm.

Buses have been arranged for 12:30pm.

Finally, the primary and secondary schools within the North West Leicestershire cluster of schools have been working together in order to offer a consistent provision for any child who tests positive for Covid-19 after schools close for the Christmas break.

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 on either Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December, please email: info@apollopartnershiptrust.uk

Following confirmation of any positive cases at The Castle Rock School, contact will be made to everyone who may have been a 'direct contact' **who must then self-isolate for 14 days.**

In addition, should your child develop symptoms of Covid-19 on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December you should also email the school on the email above.

In this instance you will be contacted by the school on the following Monday or Tuesday to find out the results of the test. If it is positive, the school will again contact everyone who may have been a 'direct contact' **who must then self-isolate for 14 days.**

May I remind you that you **SHOULD NOT** send your child to school next week if they, or any member of your household, are showing any symptoms of Covid-19, until they have had a negative test result.

May we also politely remind you of the obligation around wearing a mask on school premises and, if your child attends one of our secondary schools, their requirements to wear a mask. For everyone the importance of social distancing and regular handwashing remains paramount.

Staff at all of our schools have worked tirelessly over the term to ensure the safety of each other and their students/pupils. By working together and following the guidance we can mitigate as best we can against the spread of Covid-19 and the need for children or staff to self-isolate over the Christmas break.

On behalf all of the staff at The Castle Rock School, I'd like to wish you all a merry Christmas. We look forward to continuing our journey at The Castle Rock School as the new term begins on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

With my best wishes



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