

13 December 2021

Dear families

I am sure you have followed recent developments regarding COVID-19 with the same sense of apprehension and concern I have. As the Prime Minister outlined on Sunday evening, we are facing rising cases and there is a concern that this may lead to a rise in hospitalisation and severe illness if we don't act collectively, as a society, to stem the rise in infections.

Face Coverings

As you know it is now required, by law, that students wear a face covering in the corridors communal areas of the school. It is fair to say that some students feel they can opt out of this by simply saying the word 'exempt' – I am sure you will agree that in the face of a potentially dangerous new variant this is not acceptable. We have text all the families of students whom have provided medical evidence showing their child is exempt to confirm if this is still the case and to make you aware that your child is on the list of exemptions– if you haven't received a text but your child is medically exempt please contact using the email below:

admin@fazakerleyhigh.org

If your child is not medically exempt they must wear a face covering and will not be able to undertake lessons without wearing one for transitions and in communal areas – please remember to send your child into school with an appropriate face covering.

End of Term

As a local authority which finishes later than most other schools nationally we were due to finish on Wednesday 22 December, however I do understand the concern around this later finish compared to other boroughs. We do have an extra day's holiday as a country this year due to the Queen's jubilee and I am going to use that to allow students and staff to break up one day earlier and to be at home as suggested by the Government. As a result the term will now end on **Tuesday 21 December following lunch which will be from 1.40pm onwards**. The school office will close at 2.30pm on Tuesday 21 December and will re-open at 8.30am on Wednesday 5 January. All students will be back in the academy for the start of term at 8.30am on Thursday 6 January 2022.

I will write to you again before the end of term and I wish you and your family well at what is a difficult time. It will be, as always, a case of working together over the coming weeks as we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19.

Yours faithfully

Chris Wilson
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