



16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### **Important Communication from the CEO**

Dear Parents/carers

As we come to the end of the term, I wanted to write to you to not only wish you a Happy Christmas but to inform you of the current situation, following the Prime Minister's recent announcement about the rapidly increasing infection rates and the need to limit contact wherever possible.

The Trust Central Team and the Principals have met this week to draft some organisational plans to make sure we are prepared for any changes in the DFE guidance. We are expecting this to be released on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December, however, we may also see further updates during the Christmas break, but we will ensure that we communicate with parents and carers any changes that may need to be made.

- The current rates within Doncaster are 363.8 per 100,000 (Up to 9<sup>th</sup> December)
- As of the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the Director of Public Health explained there were no confirmed cases of Omicron within Doncaster

At present, we are functioning really well within our academies, however, we have seen a number of cases within our academies but these are still at a manageable rate.

### **New Changes to Current Guidance**

If you are aged 5 years and over and have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19, and you are not legally required to self-isolate, you are now strongly advised to:

- take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days
- take a daily lateral flow test before you leave your home for the first time that day

The Government is urging everyone to book in for a booster jab if eligible in order to protect yourself and your family members

If meeting indoors, ensure that there is good ventilation.



Further guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of Coronavirus can be found: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

We very much hope that we will not have to implement any further procedures, however, I wanted you to know that we have made all these preparations in advance of any further government announcements. As always, the safety of our pupils and staff is paramount.

Finally, I would like to conclude my letter by wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and wish you the very best for the new year.

Please continue to follow the guidance and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

*B.A. Nixon*

Beryce Nixon  
CEO  
National Leader of Education



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• EVERY CHILD • EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY •

*Hopes and Dream for the future!*  
My mum asked me last night what I'd want for christmas. I told her, "Tom Gates books," but that's not what I wanted to say. What I really wanted to say was...

I'd want to see a day with no racism.  
I'd like to see a day with no covid.  
I'd like to see a day when everyone is happy and the world is full of peace.  
I'd like to hear when your sexuality is no big deal.  
But humanity needs to turn around, so let it start with you and me.  
Let us teach people how to be kind, for one and for all, how we all should truly be.

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*Christmas Wishes*  
Wishing you and your family a very safe and happy festive season  
Best Wishes, Beryce Nixon CEO  
and all at Exceed Learning Partnership