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Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter in addition to our normal newsletter to give you some information about the school closing early, track and trace arrangements during the holidays and food support packages over the holidays if you are struggling. I know this term has presented families with many challenges and if you have any questions or need some support before the holidays then school staff will be available to contact by phone all day tomorrow, Friday 18th December.

Early School Closure

As stated in last week's newsletter, to limit the spread of infection before the holidays, school will be closing a day early for a training day. **Therefore, children should not attend school on Friday 18th December.** This training day replaces the planned training day on Thursday 22nd July and children are now expected to come to school on that date.

Track and Trace Arrangements During the Holidays

You will be aware that when we have a positive case of Covid-19 in school, we are required to identify contacts, who then self-isolate in-line with national guidance. Over the past half term, we have needed to contact some families to let them know that their child should self-isolate when they have been in contact with a positive case in school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support if you have been contacted by the school to collect your child at any point.

In line with the Department for Education guidelines, our advice for the Christmas period is as follows:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, and has **developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, you should contact school.** School will then help to identify contacts who will be advised to self-isolate
- If **symptoms develop more than 48 hours after last being in school**, in the case of a positive Covid-19 test, **you should not contact school**, but should follow instructions given by NHS Test and Trace

School staff will be on-call to carry out **contact tracing until 4pm on 23rd December**; after this time, **you should not contact school**, but should follow instructions given by NHS Test and Trace

If you need to get in touch with us about a positive case during the holidays then please contact school via our school email address: admin@stcolumbas.bradford.sch.uk Please let us know the child's name, their class, when their symptoms started and your telephone number. The email address will be monitored by senior staff who will then take appropriate action following the national advice issued to schools.



Remember that you only need to email school if your child's symptoms started on Friday 18th December or Saturday 19th December.

Holiday Hunger Programme

The government has provided a Winter Grant to Bradford Council. Part of the grant was given directly to schools. At St Columba's, we asked all of our families if they needed support with food during the holidays and have sent food hampers home this week to all who responded. If you did not contact us but now find you are having financial difficulties, then please let us know as soon as possible and we will see what we can do to help.

Bradford Council has allocated the rest of this grant to local organisations so that they can provide food for children and families experiencing food deprivation whilst schools are closed. Any family in Bradford can contact these organisations if they are struggling to feed their families over the Christmas. There is a list of local organisations to contact at the end of this letter.

Even though Christmas will not be the same this year, I do hope that all of our families are able to enjoy a lovely Christmas with their smaller family bubbles. If you require any further information, then please feel free to contact school.

Kind regards,

Anna Gautrey
Headteacher

Holiday Hunger Organisations

Organisation	Contact Information	Address
Bradford PHAB Club	Akbar Khan 07850964864 Aky.khan@hotmail.co.uk	52 Southview Road BD4 6PH
Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance	Sarah Reynolds 07548 846353 info@yacad.org	St Lukes Church, Eccleshill, BD2 3NS
Sandale Community Development Trust	Shannon Worsley 07858775936 shannon@sandaletrust.org	42-46 Reevy Road West Buttershaw Bradford BD6 3LX
Bradford City Community Foundation	Qasim Akhtar 07462248610 Qasim.akhtar@bcfccommunity.co.uk	Bradford City Football Club Valley Parade Bradford BD8 7DY
Step 2 Young People's Health	Liz Robinson liz@step2.org.uk 07739901107	102 Tong Street Bradford BD4 6HD
The Valley Project	Laura Bowen Laura.thevalley@gmail.com 07779092395	c/o TFD Youth Centre Broadstone Way Bradford BD4 9BU
Joint Activities & Motor Education Service (JAMES) Identified Families	Anna Shepherd 01274 483075 enquiries@jamesuk.org	Eric Gibbs Centre Frizinghall Rd Bradford BD9 4JB

Karmand Community Centre	Mohammed Shakeel 01274 669593 shakeel@karmand.org.uk	Karmand Community Centre Barkerend Road Bradford BD3 9EP
Bierley Community Association	Rob Normington 01274 688 686 admin@tlcbierley.co.uk www.tlcbierley.co.uk www.facebook.com/tlcbierely	The Life Centre, 120-104 Bierley House Avenue, Bradford BD4 6BU
Brathay Trust	Julie Whiting Julie.whiting@brathay.org.uk 07739646149	Cathedral Halls Stott Hill Bradford BD1 4EH
Emerge	Andy Sykes/Sam Kirkby 01274 660244 admin@emergeonline.org.uk	Emerge c/o Sutton Community Centre, 51 Kyffin Place, Bradford, BD4 8NB
Save the Mother Trust	Mohammad Shahid/ Nadia Waheed Project Manager Info@smtrust.org.uk 01274270043	SM Complex Beckside Lane BD7 2JX
Windhill Community Café	Karina Addy 01274588831 Karina.addy@windhillcommunity.co.uk	Windhill Community Café Windhill Community Centre, Church Street Shipley BD18 2NR
Bradford Community Kitchen	Abdul Satar or Anne-Marie Mitchell Trustees info@bck.org.uk 07888693196 / 07834775200	The Store Room Ltd Beckside Road Bradford Bd7 2 JS
Sports mentoring Coaching Association	Ijaz khan Chair 07971166919	33 Hamdden Street Bradford BD5 0LB
Kyffin Place Community Centre Msg left	Sam Kirkby Sam@thesusuttoncentre.co.uk 01274 668 881	51 Kyffin Place, Bradford, BD4 8NB
Prime Time at the Vine	Rosie Reay Dixon rosie@primetimeYLN.com 07535 450 497	Primetime at The Vine Parsonage Road Laisterdyke Bradford BD4 8PL