



14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus Update 29**

For the second week in succession I can report that the school has been clear of positive test results. This is a relief to us all and, I have to add, must be a reflection of the degree of care taken by our students and their families. All of our self-isolators are back in school and we have only a handful of staff absences arising from the pandemic.

We aim to use the final week of our term to continue working on our curriculum. The one change will be on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Our official closing time remains as already announced, at the end of period 4.

For reasons that are now all too familiar, we shall stagger the actual time of departure by year groups:

Year 11 will finish at 12.40 pm

Year 10 will finish at 12.50 pm

Year 9 will finish at 1.00 pm

Year 8 will finish at 1.10 pm

Arrangements have been made with the bus companies to accommodate the early finish.

Whilst writing, I will remind you to tell me of any positive test results where the student's first symptoms were noticed **up to and including Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Please do this by emailing [COVID@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:COVID@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk) as the telephone will not be monitored consistently. As a test the following day may not yield a result until the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>, you will see that I may still be required, however reluctantly, to send out new notices to self-isolate as late as Christmas Eve.

This extraordinary term has asked a great deal of everyone: students, families, teachers and all who work in the background. I offer my thanks to all who have helped to make these three and a half months into something of real value. I hope that you have a good Christmas and wish you a safe New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Waters