

11 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well, and I would like to take this opportunity to compliment the attitudes of all of the vulnerable students and children of critical workers who have attended the Academy this half term. All the staff in school have been impressed with their behaviour and attitude towards their work at this difficult time.

I am writing to inform you that King James I Academy will be closed to all students during February half term, from 13 – 21 February. We will open again to vulnerable students and children of critical workers on Monday 22 February. The timings of the school day will remain the same when we return.

If your child develops symptoms of Coronavirus during the half term holiday **you must book a test.**

If your child develops symptoms in the 48 hours since they last attended school which results in a positive test within 6 days of them last attending, you must inform the Academy at the following email address:

covidenquiries@kj1a.com

Please include the name of your child, their year group and the date that symptoms started, as well as your own contact details.

If your child develops symptoms more than 48 hours after they last attended school they must be tested, and if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. **You do not need to inform the Academy of any symptoms which occur after this period.**

Contact Tracing During February Half Term

Please be aware that the Academy, following the guidance of the Department for Education and Public Health will do the following for 6 days after the end of term:

- Collect information from staff and pupils with positive tests and families of symptomatic pupils
- Advise families of close contact with confirmed Covid cases, and inform them of self-isolation requirements

Yours faithfully

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Acting Headteacher

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