



# Children's Hospital School

'Better Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of term and I wish to thank you for your support. We know that by the time that students get to school, you have already done lots of important work to get our students up and ready to learn, and that their education is the result of our joint effort. I would like to share some important dates and COVID information with you.

## Important dates

### December

Until Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	Year 11 mocks. All students have mock exam timetable
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Ice Skating trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service. This is for students and staff only this year
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	12:45pm school closes to students. Transport providers have been advised of the finish time

### January

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am school opens to students for spring term (please see COVID information below regarding testing in school)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	3.00pm – 5.00pm parents evening (for all students)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	College applications due to school for references (year 11 only)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing date for college applications (year 11 only)



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## COVID

### Masks

Students and staff are welcome to wear masks in school, but this is not a requirement in the school building. Students are asked to wear masks in transport.

We are asking all visitors to wear masks in school when they attend meetings or waiting in school and that parents avoid waiting in the building wherever possible.

We are maintaining our cleaning routines; hand sanitiser is available throughout the school.

### Testing

At the start of the spring term, **we strongly encourage all students on their return to school**, to undertake 2 on site lateral flow tests, as laid out in the guidance for schools. Testing is an important factor in keeping the school environment safe, particularly as we anticipate that our students and their families will be mixing more over the holidays. Thank you to all who have already returned the consent forms. We will be sending reminders over the next week and a consent form is attached for completion. Please return completed forms to the school office or via email to [WBadmin@childrenshospitalschool.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:WBadmin@childrenshospitalschool.leicester.sch.uk)

Many students (who have already tested twice in school) are now able to test at home and have been doing so this term. If you require more tests for home testing, then students may collect tests from our supply in school. These can be used by our students and other family members. If you would like home testing kits for the holiday, but your child has not yet been tested in school, then please contact the school office so we can conduct the necessary tests before the end of term.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and safe holiday.

Yours sincerely,



**Diane Davies**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Head of School (Willow Bank School)**

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