

16 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term & COVID-19 Update

London entered the 'Very High Alert' level for COVID-19 today, following the substantial uplift in infection rates over the past weekend. The latest guidance for Tier 3 is [here](#).

We will be remaining open as planned this week.

End of Autumn Term – Friday 18 December 2020

All students, except for those self-isolating, are expected to be in school this week, including on Friday 18 December.

Morning lessons will run as normal and students will have the opportunity to have lunch, before dismissal at the following times:

YEAR GROUP	TIME
Year 11	12.10pm
Year 10	12.20pm
Years 7, 8 & 9	12.30pm

Sixth Form students will depart according to their individual timetables.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5 January 2021

Please support us by ensuring that your son/daughter/ward is ready for school at the start of next term. Key Stage 3 students return at 8.25am and Key Stage 4 students at 9.25am. Sixth Formers will return according to their own timetables.

We will undertake the normal start of term checks to ensure that our students are properly equipped for lessons. Appearance and uniform checks will also take place, including for hairstyles. Please be aware of the published uniform and appearance guidance on the website.

Track and Trace over the Holiday

Please make sure you let us know about any positive tests over the last few days of the term and/or over the holiday period. We will be monitoring communications over the break as we are required to track and trace close contacts on behalf of Public Health England. We will not monitor telephone calls during the break but you can email us at school@isleworthsyon.org or use the Parent App.

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Student Illness and COVID-19 Testing

Your son/daughter/ward must not attend school if they have any of the COVID-19 symptoms. They must also get a test as quickly as possible.

You are advised to seek a test at a Local Testing Site or Mobile Testing Unit, rather than using a home testing kit, as results will be much quicker. You can book a test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. Mobile testing units can be located via this [link](#).

Free School Meal Vouchers

Students that receive Free School Meals will also receive vouchers for the holiday period. These will be emailed directly to a parent/carer and come from Sodexo, the same company that delivered the vouchers during the lockdown period.

This Term!

This has been a most unusual and challenging term, and it is clear that we will all have to face further demands in 2021. However, my colleagues and I are very grateful for the support from parents/carers throughout this time.

We have had a number of positive COVID-19 cases (students and staff) throughout the term but, so far, have only had one instance where there was a clear transfer from one person to another in school. This has meant that we have been fortunate in only needing to send a relatively small number of close contacts home to self-isolate.

Up to yesterday, attendance across Years 7-11 was 95.5%, well above the national average (80%) and in line with our normal measure. Attendance in the Sixth Form is similarly impressive. I thank all parents/carers for the trust in our COVID-19 safety measures and for getting your children back to school and to learning.

I do hope that we will all be able to return to some degree on normality in the New Year. In the meantime, and on behalf of my colleagues, I wish all of our students and families a very peaceful and safe holiday.

Yours sincerely,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher