



The Triple Crown Centre

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Dear Parent/Carer

As the Christmas holiday approaches, I would like to congratulate both students and staff for their hard work and commitment during this term - a challenging time for everyone in the current circumstances.

Covid-19 and Christmas holiday arrangements

Please find enclosed a flowchart produced by the LA, with the Triple Crown Centre's specific contact arrangement added.

It is really important that you contact us (triplec@triple-crown.solihull.sch.uk) if your child becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms before or up to 4.00pm on Sunday 20th December, as a positive result following this will need to be managed in terms of tracing close contacts in school.

If we need to share specific advice from Public Health England with individual families, we will make contact via our text messaging system.

COVID-19 Symptoms

The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- ❖ a high temperature, and/or
- ❖ a new continuous cough
- ❖ loss of sense of taste or smell

If you, or anyone in your family, has any one or a combination of these symptoms now or in the future, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell. All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is to protect others in your community. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If you or your child become very unwell then contact NHS 111 for advice.

Anyone who develops symptoms should be tested as soon as possible. More information can be found by following this link - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

Precautions

There are precautions you can take to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus:

- ❖ Wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- ❖ Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ❖ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ❖ Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- ❖ Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

The Triple Crown Centre web-site

Please log on to www.triple-crown.solihull.sch.uk to access all up to date information in relation to, for example; school news and events, Covid-19, term dates, policies and documents, the curriculum, careers guidance, SEND and our Management Board. There is also a useful link to the external 'Parent Info' site, which provides guidance regarding the promotion of young people's wellbeing and resilience.

Year 11 GCSE Mock examinations

Year 11 students will have completed their mock GCSE Art examination before the Christmas break. Written examinations begin on **Monday 11th January**. Students have been issued with individual examination timetables and a copy has been posted out to Year 11 parents/carers.

I would like to wish our students every success for this important stage of their school life and I know you will support your son/daughter in revision and preparation for these exams, the results of which will contribute to final GCSE predicted grades.

Careers education

I have always been proud of the breadth of careers learning and experiences we have been able to provide for students in all year groups and this was substantiated by Ofsted (Dec 2019) identifying careers education as '*a strength of the school*', which '*prepares them (students) well for future life*.'

With Covid-19 restrictions, you will appreciate that options available for us to take part in external events, visit organisations and invite employers in to school are currently very limited.

Whilst this is the case, I continue to recognise the importance of us doing everything we can to support students with this really important aspect of their education, ensuring they are fully prepared for post-16 and beyond.

We have maintained our involvement in the Solihull 'Life Ready' programme, with invaluable support from our Local Authority Enterprise Co-ordinator and our school's Enterprise Adviser, Paula Greenwood, whom some of you have met.

A wide range of related learning has taken place within PSHE, supported with the addressing of careers/employability skills through other areas of the curriculum.

In addition, I was really pleased to be able to appoint a very experienced Careers Adviser to provide 1:1 impartial careers advice and guidance for students in a Covid-secure way. He has been in school for the last three Wednesdays and his support will continue in the new year.

The links below are to careers information you might find useful:

- ❖ <https://careemap.co.uk/careermag-parents/>
- ❖ <https://amazingapprenticeships.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9f89f859eb0be9d437b1414c3&id=0b5a0a4242&e=4d9f222d03>

You can access these directly, via a copy of this letter on the school website.

End and beginning of terms

As you are aware, school closes on **Friday 18th December** (normal time) for the Christmas holiday.

Spring term starts for students and staff on **Monday 4th January** (normal time).

From myself and all other staff, I would like to thank you for all your continued support and wish you a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas with your families.

Yours faithfully

Miss E Clarke
Headteacher