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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move towards the end of the Autumn term, I bring to your attention some key documents and information to keep you fully informed over the festive period. Do look out for our end of term newsletter and my weekly vlogs for further updates.

Christmas Concerts

Unfortunately, due to increased Covid restrictions we are no longer able to have audiences at our Christmas Concerts. The concerts themselves will go ahead and we are making arrangements for parents to be able to access their child's performances online through a secure password. Further details will follow from Ms Tayub. I know that you will be disappointed that we have had to take this approach, but we have to take guidance from Ealing and Public Health England in relation to what is currently possible in terms of group performances.

Covid-19 Update

The Omicron variant has caused some concerns nationally but currently no cases have been reported within the ARA community. We must though continue to be vigilant and test regularly. Before the Christmas Holiday we will distribute test kits to all pupils in the Secondary Phase. We will also make some available to Primary parents via the primary reception. The Academy's Covid Risk Assessment has also been updated in line with the guidance provided by the Local Authority and can be found on our website.

<https://www.alecreedacademy.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1283&type=pdf>

On our return after the Christmas holidays, all secondary pupils with consent will be once again be tested on their arrival at school. All pupils will return to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022** at the usual start times, Primary Phase at **8.30am** and Secondary Phase at **8.40am**.

Covid Travel Advice

I know that a significant number of our families have loved ones abroad and may be planning to travel over Christmas. With this in mind I remind you that entry requirements, especially those for children, are changing and there are significant differences from country to country. The latest information can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> I do though advise you to contact the relevant country's embassy, consulate or high commission for further clarification.

Ealing's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

The London Borough of Ealing are offering a Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme (funded by the Department for Education). The holiday provision, includes free healthy food and enriching activities, for children and young people from **Reception to Year 11** who reside in the London Borough of Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM). The HAF Programme will run at over 30 venues from **Monday 20th December – Friday 24th December & Wednesday 29th December – Friday 31st December**. (Please note that the 27th & 28th of December 2021 along with the 3rd of January 2022 are bank holidays so the HAF programme will not operate on these days). The full range of activities and providers are listed on Ealing's Families

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Directory (FSD): [Ealing Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Ealing Directory \(ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk\)](https://ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk) If you would like to find out more then contact your child's SafeWorker who will provide you with a leaflet and code. Alternatively, you can contact the HAF team at HAF@ealing.gov.uk or call the Family Information Service on **020 8825 5588 ext. 6331/5493** (9am-1pm).

Finally I confirm that the last day of term is **Friday 17th December** with an earlier finish time. There will be a staggered dismissal as follows:

Secondary Phase at 1pm
Primary Phase at 1.15pm

I wish you all the very best for the Christmas vacation and hope that 2022 is a great year for you and your families.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Cosby', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Phil Cosby
Acting Principal & CEO