



Well, what a term it has been! Our much-awaited OFSTED inspection finally took place. Even though we have been due since March 2019 the phone call still came as a surprise. As yet, I have not received a copy of the report but I will share it with you as soon as I am able to do so. Thank you to all of you (parents, carers & children) who took the time to complete the surveys.

I do rather feel we have limped our way to the end of term but on the whole we have managed it.....just! I have no idea what January will hold but urge you all to check Dojo in the days leading up to the children's return on Wednesday 5th January.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Miss Yardy who is moving on to pastures new. We thank her for all her hard work and effort in her different roles and wish her success in her new job.

As always, I am extremely proud to be the Principal of Upwell Academy and I thank you all for the support you have shown us this term. It hasn't been easy, rules have changed and I think all of our anxiety levels have increased as we approach the Christmas break. But we have made it and all that is left for me to do is to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy (healthy) new Year.

Mrs Norman—Principal

Your Academy Council needs you!

Have you thought about becoming more involved with the Academy? Perhaps you have a specialist area or an area of expertise which the academy council could benefit from. We have a vacancy for a parent academy council member.

Here are just a few of the roles carried out by the academy council:

Review the progress towards key targets and safeguarding procedures

Develop links with the community

Monitor health and safety activity and implementation

Monitor the promotion of inclusion, equality and diversity

Further information about how to apply will be shared after Christmas.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January. If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result.

If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

4th—Staff Training (school closed to pupils)

5th—Children back to school (Wednesday)

12th—FOSA Clothing Collection

February

4th—NSPCC Numbers Day

11th—Last day of term

10th—YR Height, weight ,vision & hearing check

New Outdoor Gym

Our new outdoor gym has finally been completed!

Children will be able to use this amazing facility in the new year.



From all the staff at Upwell Academy, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th January.



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