



## **Happy Christmas and New Year from all at Oswaldtwistle School**

**Updates and News December 2020**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Christmas arrangements**

A Covid safe Christmas dinner for any student wishing it on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, Christmas jumper day then too. Own clothes and a donation to a homeless shelter for £1, on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **End of term and back to school dates**

I am just writing to let you know of some end of term arrangements. All students will finish on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December at 12.30pm, they will be offered lunch before they go.

Back into school in the New Year on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021!

### **Positive COVID test result for your child when school closes**

As a school we have been asked to Track and Trace any students that may have been in contact with another student that tests positive between the dates of Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December to Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December.

If your child does test positive can you email me on [anne.kyle@oswaldtwistle.org](mailto:anne.kyle@oswaldtwistle.org) with a contact number between the hours of 11am and 1pm on those dates, and I will contact you and inform any other students that need to self-isolate.

These details will be on the school answer machine too.

If your child tests positive in the new year normal self-isolation should be applied, and school contacted as normal on the first day back as per the absence procedure.

## **Reports, Year 11 Mocks, Parents evenings**

A brief report of how your child is progressing will be being sent home before Christmas, it will show how they are doing against any targets they have. There will be Year 11 Mocks in the third week in January, and an online Parents Evening in January too.

From the issues with the GCSEs and BTECs this year we know how important Mocks and teachers' assessments are, so we will be expecting every year 11 to be doing their best in case their mock result is needed to help with their grades in the summer.

## **Other News!**

It has been my very great pleasure to be the Head Teacher of Oswaldtwistle School for nearly four years. Through that time, we have expanded the subjects and exams taken for the students, with excellent GCSE results year on year.

We have been judged Good by OFSTED, helped numerous students to get back into mainstream schools, or supported them when they leave in year 11 to college, education, employment or apprenticeships.

It is time for me to move on, I am taking up a new post in January 2021 in a new school.

The governors have asked Mrs Sandra McKenna, one of our Deputy Head teachers to be the Acting Head Teacher for the Spring and Summer term, I wish her well, she is very experienced and knows the school and your children very well.

Thank you for all the support you have given me and the school over the years, and I wish you all a happy, safe and caring Christmas and all the very best for the future. Best wishes

**Anne Kyle**



**Head Teacher**

