

18th December 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family all safe and well.

I am writing to provide all parents/ carers with further details regarding the college's arrangements for supporting contact tracing for any positive coronavirus (covid-19) student cases over the first part of the Christmas closure period.

The Government has asked all colleges to support with requirements to trace close contacts of positive cases for a six day period; for Camphill Wakefield, this six-day period is Friday 18th December through to Wednesday 23rd December inclusive.

The Government advises all colleges to ensure that parents and carers are aware of the following information:

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being**, Camphill Wakefield is required to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in the college.
- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in the college, the college does not need to undertake track and trace. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and trace.

In either case for Camphill Wakefield to support contact tracing requirements; If a student tests positive, we kindly ask that you send a text or voice message to our dedicated mobile: **07873 127976**. This number will not normally be answered during this time, but messages will be followed up as soon as possible.

You will be aware that the government yesterday set out its intention for there to be a staggered return of secondary and Post 16 age students back to schools from the 4 January 2021.

At this stage there has been no clarification of the expectations that the government has in this respect, or any confirmation of the nature of testing (with consent) for both students and staff. Given the above, please rest assured that I will be in touch with

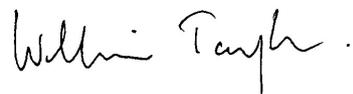


you at the soonest possible opportunity over the festive break regarding any changes to our planned reopening on Monday 4 January 2021.

At the current time and from the previous guidance we are not planning any stagger due to numbers and the vulnerability of all our students. Should we need to have a late start on a specific day to allow for testing we will outline plans with you as soon as possible via our Website www.camphill.ac.uk

In the meantime, I would like to thank you all for your continued patience and support and wish you all a very Merry and Safe Christmas. I sincerely hope that all students, parents and carers remain fit and well during the Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,



William Taylor
Principal

