

17th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all have had a good week and are looking forward to the festive season.

The news has been dominated this week with the increase in COVID cases and the new variant, Omicron. As you would have noted from my letter earlier in the week, we have had positive cases at school but managed to keep our doors open to all students in every year group. Whilst we do not expect at any point the decision to be made to close schools for any length of time, we have to be mindful that it may become necessary to make some amendments during the Spring term. We will notify you if we have to send any year group home for a period of time.

Please make sure your child takes at least two LFD tests per week and one on Monday 3rd January - the night before they return to school on Tuesday 4th January. Thank you for your continued support with helping keep our school and wider community safe.

I would also like to let you know that Brent's Winter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is now taking bookings, and the children and families that you work with may be eligible for a free place at a holiday club over the Christmas school holidays.

The HAF programme is funded by DfE and funds free places at school holiday provision for eligible school-aged children in Brent. There are a variety of activities available over the Christmas holidays, including day trips, sports, performing arts, arts and crafts, and cooking activities.

A list of all activities currently available to book is on Brent's website ([click here](#)). To be eligible for a free place at holiday activities via Brent's HAF programme children and young people must be:

- Currently in Reception to Year 11; **and**
- Permanently resident in Brent or attending a Brent school; **and**
- Eligible for and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals **or** have had their eligibility confirmed by their school or other professionals.

When booking a place, children / families may be asked to confirm their eligibility by showing a copy of their school holiday supermarket voucher email / quoting their supermarket voucher eCode, or by providing a confirmation email, letter, phone call or code from their school, social worker, youth worker or other professional.

I am sure you would agree that this is an excellent opportunity for our young people. I also enclose information on Parenting workshops that some of our parents may be interested in attending in the new year. Please see the information in this link - [Brent Parenting Workshops.pdf](#)



It certainly has been a very busy term and I know that everyone is looking forward to the break. Wishing you all a very peaceful Christmas holiday and sending you our very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2022.

See you all next year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, which appears to read 'R Denial', is positioned above the printed name.

RUSSELL DENIAL
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