



Derby City Council

Team Public Health
Contact Robyn Dewis
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Date 20th December 2021

Dear Provider,

Thankyou for your support in working with us to provide the Holiday Activities and Food programme which is a part of the Derby Winter Promise. Unfortunately, we are seeing a surge in the cases of COVID locally, driven by an increase in the Omicron variant. We met today to review the current situation in the City and concluded the following:

- Cases in the City are now approaching, and expected to quickly overtake, the highest number seen in January 2021
- Omicron is now the dominant variant in the City and cases are currently doubling in less than two days
- We are aware that we have Omicron cases in school aged children, and we have seen a recent surge of cases in schools, including where measures previously appeared to be working well
- National modelling indicates that the numbers of cases are expected to increase significantly over the coming weeks

We have significant concerns regarding the risks associated with delivering the HAF programme as previously planned and so we are now asking that you do not deliver this face to face. We are aware that all HAF providers have Covid Contingency plans in place and would ask that you begin to implement these plans to ensure that all children signed up to provision receive four days' worth of food and holiday provision. I apologise for the notice this gives you but ask that you review your plans for alternative delivery of the programme.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Dewis'.

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