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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to welcome all students back to site this week. We are also thrilled to celebrate some of our considerable successes this term in providing students with additional opportunities, outside of the classroom. These opportunities have included our CORE-Us choir, a dance performance, and fund raising for the Samaritans and Children in Need amongst others. Furthermore, our school community have been busy donating food for our local food bank. This collection will continue this week and into January to support those who need it.

End of term arrangements

For students entitled to free school meals, parents will receive food vouchers for the two week Christmas period. During these unprecedented times, we are pleased the government have agreed to fund free school meals through the holiday period to ensure no child goes hungry. Please do contact us if you are not entitled to free school meals but need support; we have been able to issue food parcels to many families in addition to the government vouchers.

Please note that term ends on Friday 18th December. Students will be dismissed at the following times:

Year 7 - 12:15pm

Year 8 - 12:00pm

Year 9 - 12:00pm

Year 10 - 12:15pm

Year 11 - 11:45am

You may have read or seen in the press that the government have allowed schools to use this day as a training day but this comes with several implications. We are mindful families have had disruption throughout this term and for this reason, we have decided to continue with our published term dates and arrangements to avoid families having to make last minute arrangements.

Friday 18th December will be an opportunity for students to wear Christmas jumpers and/or Christmas colours (red, gold, and green) in addition to their school uniform. This opportunity will be in place as a reward for all students who meet the following criteria:

- 95% attendance (if students have had to self-isolate, this does not get counted in their attendance and thus they would not be disadvantaged)
- No more than -30 negative Classcharts points

You may be aware that school leaders across the country have been asked to support Public Health's track and trace system into the Christmas break. We will be available to complete any track and trace needed up to Christmas Day. If we do receive notification from Public Health England of a positive case that requires students or staff to isolate due to contact in the last few days of term, someone from school will make contact via phone or text.



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We sincerely hope that due to the safety measures we have in place at school that this will not be needed but remind students of the importance of washing hands regularly and wearing a mask in communal areas.

Spring term arrangements

As announced in July, Miss Slater will be leaving us in January to take up a Headteacher post in another school. Mr Bailey will continue to lead the school as Headteacher of both sites.

We wish your families a safe and happy Christmas period and look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Tuesday 5th January** at the normal start time.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Bailey
Headteacher

Miss Slater
Headteacher