



17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the Christmas holiday, I would like to thank you for supporting your son/daughter at home. We know that good routines really help, and ensuring young people eat and sleep well, undisturbed by social media, has a really positive impact on their physical and also their emotional well-being. Our new review sheets highlight the importance of organisation and arriving at school and at each lesson, on time and ready to learn with the right equipment and a positive approach to their learning. I hope you will support us in getting these good routines in place so that students can maximise their learning in school and at home.

This final week is a busy one with the Rewards Christmas Lunches, the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and the Winter Concert on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> we are having a charity Christmas jumper day and we will also have special assemblies to reflect on the successes and achievements of the academic year to date. You will probably be aware that we are doing 'double rewards' for attendance in the final week and students will be able to make their 'purchases' from the Rewards Shop each day. I hope that the Christmas break will enable students to recharge their batteries and to come back refreshed and ready to learn in January. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, school will finish at 1.05pm. Cold food will be available to buy in the canteen during an earlier lunchtime. This will enable all students to eat before the final registration of the term. School buses and taxis have been informed of our earlier finish.

On these dusky evenings I once again urge parents and carers to avoid parking in the immediate vicinity of the school. When visibility is low, students need to be able to see oncoming traffic clearly as they cross roads or cycle home. Cars parked on the pavements or near the mini roundabout in particular, are putting students at risk. The front car park is only for use, by previous arrangement, by taxis/parents of students with high Special Educational Needs. Please do ensure that if your son/daughter cycles to school that they are visible, wearing a cycle helmet and cycling safely, showing respect to other road users.

I hope you enjoy reading the accompanying newsletter that highlights some of the many activities and opportunities that have been offered to students. Finally, I wish all students and their families a happy Christmas and all the very best for 2020. Term 3 starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Wilson  
Head Teacher