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Dear Parent/Carers

Christmas Holiday Information

As our Christmas holidays approach, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this term. It has been an incredibly tough but also successful Autumn Term. We have had excellent attendance in both phases, ensured we have offered a full and engaging curriculum and kept everyone as safe as possible.

It is shortly time for staff, students and families to have a well-earned rest over the festive period and following the recent announcement it appears families will be able to see each other over this period.

I would like to make you aware of the arrangements for the final few days of the term. The school will close for the Christmas Holiday on **Friday 18th December** and will re-open on **Monday 4th January** at the usual staggered times.

Due to the current situation we are staggering the early finish on Friday 18th December. Please can you only arrive at your allotted times and follow the usual protocols for picking up.

Years 7 & 8 – 11.55am

Years 9 & 10 – 12.05pm

Year 11 – 12.15pm

The mid-morning break will continue as normal. **School lunch will not be served**. Students entitled to Free Schools Meals can request and take a packed lunch from the kitchen prior to leaving. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch on the last day please can you complete the slip below and return to school by 7th December.

As last year, on Friday 11th December we are asking all students to wear a Christmas item in addition to their normal school uniform. This item might include, a Christmas jumper, headband, Christmas tie or socks etc. **Please note jewellery is still not to be worn.** All we ask in return for wearing an item is to donate either 50p or £1 which will go towards the 'Save the Children' Charity. Students will still be expected to wear their trousers/skirts and school shoes. Also, on Friday 11th December it will be **Christmas Dinner Day.**

In this very difficult year, on behalf of all the staff, Local Governing Body and Wade Deacon Trust Board; may I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Please keep safe and I hope you enjoy the time with your families.



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