



Wolstanton High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: End of Term Arrangements

Christmas is quickly approaching after a very busy but productive term. This term, our in-school curriculum has been enriched by a number of subject visits out of school, with more planned for the rest of the year. In addition, as part of our PHSCE programme, we have had two 'Drop Down' days where we have had visitors come into school to deliver bespoke workshops for all of our pupils. The most recent was on Friday 15th December with a wide range of fantastic opportunities taking place.

As you know, we had a major drive regarding uniform and attendance at the start of the term and it is an ongoing focus. We would ask that you ensure that your children have the appropriate uniform and, particularly, footwear for the start of the New Year. Also, please support us in our efforts to ensure that your child's attendance is as close to 100% as possible; each day lost is detrimental to their educational outcomes.

Can we also ask that if your child comes to school on a bicycle or scooter that they also bring an appropriate lock. The bike shelter is locked during the school day but is unlocked before and after school. If your child stays late after school it is their responsibility to ensure that their bicycle or scooter is secured.

Please note that school will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 22nd December at 12:10pm. This day will be 'Christmas jumper day' in aid of charity. If your child would like to participate in this, we would ask that they make a contribution of £1 to the charity fundraising. The jumper will be the only non-uniform item. We must stress that it is not necessary to spend money on purchasing a jumper especially for this day. There are many ways of decorating an existing jumper or sweatshirt with Christmas items.

As the school is finishing early on the 22nd, there will be no lunchtime catering available on that day. If your child qualifies for a free school meal they will be able to go to the canteen at break and either spend their lunch allowance at that time or collect a packed lunch for later.

Please note that after Christmas the maximum that your child's Parent Pay account will be able to go into deficit with be £5.00, this will be sufficient to cover the odd occasion your child may forget their lunch or require a lunch token. If your child does not have credit on their account, we ask that you send them with a packed lunch.

In the event that school may close at some point over the winter, due to extreme weather conditions, please check the school website, which will be updated by 7.00am in the morning. In addition to this, a text will be sent to parents/carers and an e-mail to all pupils. We will also post the closure onto Staffordshire County Council website.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year and to wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy 2018.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Principal



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