

8th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of term arrangements

With just over a week to go before the end of term, the Christmas tree is up and the unmistakable crispness of winter is finally upon us; the pavements on the way into school are particularly icy in the morning and I would like to remind you to ensure that your children are wearing sensible footwear and are wrapped up warm as the days get inevitably colder over the coming weeks. In classrooms, we are continuing to keep the windows open to ensure there is good ventilation. Therefore, I would encourage students to ensure they are wearing their school jumpers beneath their blazers.

Last week, the forecast for a possible scattering of snow reminded me to inform new parents about how we communicate with you in the event of having to close the school for snow. If we do experience dangerous and adverse weather conditions, announcements are made on the school's website and through our social media channels. If there is a fall of snow overnight leading to a morning decision, we will publish this by 8.00am. In the event of the school having to close in the middle of the day, all parents will be contacted, school transport adjusted and the senior leadership staff will wait with any child who is unable to get home.

You will have seen from the letter sent to you at the end of last week that, on Monday 14th December 2020, there will be a non-uniform day. Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes in return for a donation of an item from the list provided. The items collected will be donated to a very worthy local charity; Northampton Food Bank, which supports local people and families. We thank you in advance for your support with this charitable endeavour.

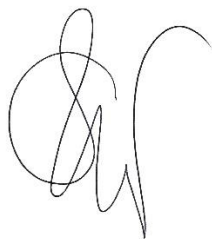
I would like to remind you that the last day of this term is **Friday 18th December 2020**; students will have normal lessons in the morning followed by some time in their tutor bases. As in previous years, students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1:30pm on that day and the school buses will leave at approximately 1:45pm. Students travelling on the late buses will leave school at 3:00pm. Students who normally travel on the late buses may leave at 1:30pm but will have to make their own way home or be collected by parents or carers. The school will reopen to students on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We request that you sign the slip below to confirm you have given permission for your child to leave school at 1:30pm or if you wish her to remain at school until 3:00pm.



All students must return this reply slip to their tutor by Tuesday 15th December 2020. Students who do not return a reply slip will have to remain until 3:15pm on Friday 18th December 2020.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs C Taboada-Naya
Headteacher**

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Please return this slip to your tutor by Wednesday 16th December 2020

Student name: **Tutor Group:**

- I give permission for my child to leave school at **1:30pm** on **Friday 18th December 2020** and to make her own way home / travel on her usual school bus.
- or
- I would like my child to remain at school until **3:00pm** on **Friday 18th December 2020**.

Please indicate your preference above

Signed: (Parent /Carer) Dated:

