



Friday 11th December

Dear Parents/Carers

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Remote Learning Trial - Thursday 10th December

Many thanks for your support yesterday as all staff and students trialled a remote lesson. We'd love to get parent feedback on how well that worked so that we can learn any lessons in case of having to do more of this over coming months. We'd be grateful if you could fill in this survey on Microsoft Forms:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wwKbEeKstEKPNgL1svSOdJj19XYoxlBli0MY3RdcXY9UQzJFVTg0VDBKSzBCV0hTWTEXRkk2TkZMiQIQCN0PWcu>

Many thanks in advance.

Reminder - INSET DAY, Friday 18th December

As we informed you on Wednesday, the school term will end on Thursday 17th December. This will be a full school day, with normal departure times. However, there will be no twilight or after school support sessions on this day.

This will mean that the six-day 'contact tracing window' for schools will expire at the end of 23rd December. Therefore, you can be reassured that, if there has been no contact from the school by the end of 23rd December, there is no further risk of students being identified as close contacts of any student who tests positive before the Christmas break.

Staff Christmas Thanks

I'm very grateful to the large number of parents who have sent very kind messages of thanks to one or more of their children's teachers for their huge efforts in an incredibly challenging year. I hope you won't mind me reminding you of this invitation - the link to do so is here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wwKbEeKstEKPNgL1svSOdDuyvuXW7R5Co7hjpMtF9ORUNjVFVUdEUVM3V1ZCSExZVzJXTkYzRUIDRS4u>

We'd really welcome any short messages to any members of staff (or groups) who you would like to offer your thanks for what they have done through 2020. These will mean so much to staff at the end of a uniquely challenging year. If you would like to send a message, please do so by the end of Sunday 13th December.

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Parent Controls on the use of TikTok by children

As you will know, TikTok is used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than 13 (despite its terms and conditions). The new Family Pairing feature can allow parents to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way. Features include:

- Search: Decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds
- Screen Time Management: Sets how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day
- Discoverability: Decide on the account being private (you decide who can see their content) or public (anyone can search and view content)

For further details, please see <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>

One week to go

With just less than a week of term remaining, it is really important that students keep up the high standards that they have very largely been meeting over these two terms. We remain so proud of how they have dealt with the challenges of 2020, and it is vital we end up on a really positive note, both in Covid-related expectations and in their learning. This time next week they will be able to reflect on how well they have coped in really challenging circumstances.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend (or good luck with the Christmas shopping!).

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