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Dear Parent/Carer

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I hope this letter finds you safe and well at this time. There is much in the media at the moment around Covid-19 and in particular the new variant. As ever, we will provide you with updates on how this impacts schools as soon as we receive anything. Until then we are very much business as usual with the some additional measures such as face coverings. Thank you for your continued support in minimising the spread of Covid-19.

Ahead of the Christmas Newsletter, which will be released on 17<sup>th</sup> December, I wanted to provide you with some updates ahead of the last two weeks of term.

### **Attendance, punctuality and uniform**

It has never been so important for pupils to attend school following a year of turbulence. Please continue to send your child to school unless they have symptoms of Covid-19. Equally, please support us to ensure pupils arrive to school on time first thing in the morning, wearing full uniform. As ever, if you require any support with uniform, please do contact us and we will do anything we can to help.

### **Dates and events to note**

Please see below for some reminder of dates this side of Christmas:

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

A reminder that we will be removing tutor time on this day and running Friday timetable, with pupils finishing at 2.30pm to allow for staff training. Pupils who travel by bus will be able to wait in the library until 3.20 when this service departs.

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

We traditionally run this day as a half day across schools in Nuneaton so pupils will finish at 1.05 after lesson 4. Hot food will be available at lunch time and the school bus will leave at the earlier time of 1.20pm. We will also be running our Christmas Jumper Day on this day, where pupils can wear non-uniform and we would encourage festive attire! We will be collecting £1 on the gate in the morning for our school charity.

### **Extra-curricular clubs and intervention**

We will **not** be running clubs and intervention during the last week of term unless they are listed below. Clubs will resume once more from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Year 11 maths intervention

**Pupil Lateral Flow testing on return in January**

Following the Government's recent announcement that requires pupils to be tested ahead of their return to school after Christmas, we will be running a staggered return to school to facilitate this.

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Teacher training day	No pupils on site
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Testing for Years 7, 10 & 11	Remote learning for all year groups
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Testing for Years 8 & 9	Remote learning for Year 8 & 9 Normal lessons resume on site for Years 7, 10 & 11
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	All year groups back on site	Normal lessons resume for all year groups.

We will be providing further information on this during the final week of term and in the newsletter. In the meantime, if you have not consented to your child receiving a lateral flow test, please follow the link below. You do not need to complete this form if you have already done so previously.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?fragment=FormId%3DJjyPPym580-nQUQJKG6wb2ufcHT3NS1E14AAsFtUpSdUMU04NIZCOURGRDFYSUE4S0o4TkhGT0pISC4u>

Thank you once again for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Lara Hall  
Principal