

Cardiff High School Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdydd

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head towards the final days of this term, I would like to thank you for the patience and support that you have demonstrated towards us.

Covid-19 Update

We have been asked by the Local Authority to remind our families of the importance of following the correct processes should a pupil or family member be required to self-isolate due to showing symptoms of COVID-19 or if anyone in the household is awaiting a test result. We politely request that you do not send your child to school if anyone from your home is awaiting the result of a test. If you are contacted by track and trace or by a school and advised to self-isolate, please note that self-isolation advice requires the person identified as a close contact to stay at home, not to go outdoors to exercise, to visit shops, family or friends, or to other public spaces. You are not permitted to invite people to your house.

As you are aware, a number of our pupils have been asked to self-isolate this week. Families who are entitled to free school meals will, during the period of self-isolation, receive vouchers from the Local Authority. We have notified them of the pupils for whom this applies.

School Uniform

As the weather has certainly become colder of late, and windows remain open for ventilation, we wanted, once again, to remind you of the fact that pupils will benefit from the wearing of layers in the classrooms. We would, therefore, encourage learners to wear a school jumper and blazer. Hoodies are not permitted. Similarly, jeans or trousers that resemble jeans are not permitted.

We have, throughout the course of this term, accumulated a considerable amount of lost property. Please could we ask that you label items of uniform so that in the event of them being taken to reception, we can return them to your child with ease.

End of Term Arrangements

Whilst there remains a great deal of speculation surrounding the end of term arrangements, we would like to remind you of our current plans. Having pre-empted the potential for an increase in transmission rates and a natural concern amongst our community, our INSET arrangements were designed, in September, to take account of the need for an earlier conclusion to the term. As a consequence, pupils' last day will be **Wednesday 16th December** and learners will be dismissed in a phased manner as follows:

Year 7 - 12.20pm

Year 8 - 12.30pm

Remainder of pupils - 12.40pm

In other seasonal news, please be sure to look out for our forthcoming virtual carol concert which promises to be a wonderful opportunity to indulge in a little Christmas celebration.

Please continue to use our website and follow our Twitter page for further updates and information.

Yours sincerely

S M JONES

Headteacher