

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As Christmas fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. Students have worked incredibly hard this term and many have also taken part in a host of exciting extra-curricular activities. Students have also demonstrated their care, concern and compassion for the wider community by organising a number of fundraising activities and donating generously to charities including Children in Need, Macmillan and the B30 Foodbank.

### Start of Term Arrangements

Students will return as normal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Attendance

The loss of learning due to the lockdown, and the continuing risk that students or groups of students will have to self-isolate, mean that it is more important than ever that students are in school, learning, every day that they can be. So far this year over 30% of students have attended every single day which is excellent. Please be reminded that the attendance target for all children is 97% which equates to no more than 5 days of absence throughout the whole academic year (this does not include when families are self-isolating as per government guidance). Please avoid making medical or dental appointments during school time and be aware that we do not authorise holidays during term time, unless in exceptional circumstances. Parents should be aware that we work closely with the local authority to prosecute parents who do not ensure their child has good attendance.

### Changes to Meals in the New Year

As you will be aware, in order to ensure social distancing, we had to stop daily hot meals in the canteen when we returned to school in September. We have been looking at how we can begin providing hot meals again and from January we will be trialling providing a hot meal to each year group once a week. If this is successful we will be hoping to expand this further as term progresses, but from January the following year groups will be able to collect a hot meal on the following days:

Day	Primary	Secondary
Mon	R, 1, 2	7
Tue	3, 4, 5	8
Wed	R, 1, 2	9
Thur	3, 4, 5	10
Fri	Will rotate between R, 1, 2 and 3, 4, 5 weekly	11

## Uniform

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform. Next term we will be particularly focusing on ensuring students are wearing the correct footwear as part of the agreed uniform standards. Our uniform standards can be found on our website and uniform can be purchased from Clive Mark, Kings Heath or Kids Essentials, Northfield.

- No hoodies to be worn in school or under blazers
- Bournville blazers to be worn at all times
- Jewellery – the only jewellery permitted is one small stud earring in each lobe and a wrist watch.
- Makeup must be discreet. Students will be expected to remove makeup deemed to be excessive.
- During the winter months we recommend your child wears a waterproof, warm coat.
- Shoes must be black and polishable – no trainers, pumps or boots.
- If students do not wear appropriate footwear they will be expected to borrow shoes that have been sterilised and quarantined for 3 days or parents will need to bring in their correct shoes.

If personal finances mean you cannot provide your child with shoes, please let us know by email and we will try and help ([post@bournville.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@bournville.fmat.co.uk)). Students who ignore our standards will receive a 15 minute detention.

## Safeguarding/Mobile Phones

Students carrying a mobile phone must keep it switched off and securely stored in their bag or inside blazer pocket. Parents wishing to contact their child during the school day should do so via the school office. Year 10 and 11 students will be permitted the use of phones in their home room during indoor break time. During lesson times or changeover phones must not be seen by staff and if they are seen a warning followed by detention will be issued using our level system. To facilitate student learning teachers may also confiscate phones for the lesson or school day.

## Work over the Christmas Period

Students have worked hard this term and have produced lots of excellent work in their books, if they want to do some work over the holiday period there is homework on Show My Homework. Year 11, in particular, maybe wanting to use this time to continue to revise.

Once again, I hope you have a lovely Christmas break.

Yours sincerely



Miss M Green  
Head of Academy