



December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: End of autumn term arrangements December 2020

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your amazing support through what has been such a challenging term. I have been greatly encouraged by the way parents/carers, students and staff have truly worked together, as a community, to ensure we have stayed as safe as possible during these difficult times. I would also like to commend the teaching and support staff to you at this time; they have worked tirelessly to ensure that the disruption to education that all year groups have felt has been minimised as much as possible. They could not have worked any harder, often amongst real staffing shortages due to our own staff having to self-isolate and facing sickness themselves. During all of this, the resilience and maturity that students have demonstrated as they adapt to the changes and disruption they have faced is a real credit to their parents/carers and to the school. I know that everyone within the school community, both staff and students, are looking forward to spending some quality time together with their families over the forthcoming festive period and I am writing to confirm arrangements for the end of this autumn term.

Monday 7 December – Friday 18 December

Festive post boxes will appear in each year group zone at the start of next week. Students will be asked to place any cards in the post box, addressed with the recipients full name and form, and our team of 'Christmas elves' will deliver the cards safely after a quarantine period. Form tutors will disseminate similar guidelines should a form group 'Secret Santa' have been arranged.

Friday 11 December – Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11 December, will be our next non-uniform day where students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper as part of that and donate £1, via ParentPay, in aid of Help the Homeless Leicester. You can find out more about this important Leicester charity by visiting [their website](#).

Friday 18 December – last day of term

On Friday 18 December, students will enjoy a virtual version of our traditional Christmas service, led by Reverend Taylor. Unfortunately the eagerly anticipated staff panto cannot take place but students will be relieved to hear that staff have been busy pre-recording a 'Christmas Extravaganza' performance for them! Both events will be available to students in school and those having to self-isolate at home; we don't want anyone to miss out! Form group parties will unfortunately not be able to take place this year in the same way as would have done previously, but we have various activities such as festive quizzes organised for the students to enjoy and send them off in festive spirits to enjoy the Christmas break. Brockington College will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18 December 2020 at 12.25pm. As they have all term, year groups will leave school over a staggered period of 15 minutes from about 12.20pm onwards to allow for a steady flow of students leaving the school grounds. The school buses will arrive for 12.30pm and will depart by 12.40pm. Students eligible for a free school meal should collect a 'grab and go' lunch bag at break time that they can take with them.

We appreciate that the early finish may create childcare issues for some parents/carers. Therefore, there will be the facility for any child to stay in school and be supervised in the library until 3pm, although there will be no school buses at this time. Please complete and return the reply slip below, via the school office, should you need to make use of this facility.

Brockington College will be closed between 18 December and 4 January 2021. However, over the Christmas period, senior staff will continue to inform parents/carers of a positive case of Covid-19 that will require their child to self-isolate if they have been present in school. Further information regarding this adapted process over the Christmas period, will be distributed over the next few days by Embrace Multi Academy Trust, of which we are part.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your support this term and to wish you and your family a peaceful and blessed Christmas period. Students are expected back in school for the start of the new term, in full uniform and with correct equipment, on Tuesday 5 January 2020 at 8.30am. I look forward to continuing our work together in the new year. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Sadie Batstone
Principal



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To: **Mrs D Walker via school office - Request for supervision until 3pm on Friday 18 December 2020**

I would like my child to stay in school on Friday 18 December 2020 and be supervised from 12.25pm to 3pm in the library.

Name of student: Form group:

Name of parent/carer:

Signed: Date:
(By the adult with legal responsibility for the young person)

