



15 December 2021

End of autumn term update and planning for the beginning of the new term

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for continuing to work with school in such a positive and supportive manner. This continues to be a very challenging time for us all. Whilst life outside of school has been far from 'normal,' we have tried very hard throughout this term to ensure that school has a rhythm and certainty for our students and staff. We will continue to take all necessary steps to keep our students, staff and members of the community as safe as possible whilst in school.

Sadly, you will have learned that school has decided to not stage large gathering events at the end of this term. The rapid rise in Omicron variant Covid cases, and the nature of these large school gathering events poses a significant risk to community transmission so close to Christmas. I know this decision will have disappointed many parents, carers and previous students, however we will be recording the Christmas Concert for those who wish to see it and re-scheduling the Post 16 Prize Giving evening.

The last day of this term is Wednesday 22 December with a normal end time for students at 3.00 pm. On Friday 17 December we will be dropping off our school's wonderful contributions to the local food bank. Monday 20 December is 'wear something woolly' in addition to school uniform in support of charity. On Tuesday 21 December there is a personal health and social education day including content delivery from a number of external speakers and visitors who will have taken LFD tests and be wearing face masks. Finally, on the final day of term, we will be celebrating students' achievements and rewarding those who have met our RESPECT agenda goals. A busy end to the term.

New Term

All students return to school on **Monday 10 January 2022**. Next week all students will be given more LFD test kits to cover the Christmas holiday period. If you need to contact school outside of normal school hours to report a Covid 19 related issue please email: covidnotification@tuptonhall.org.uk

Please can we ask that your child takes a LFD test on Sunday 9 January 2022, prior to the return to school. On Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 January (if required due to capacity) school will retest all students that have consented to be tested. If you wish to give **consent** for testing when you have previously not given this, please complete the link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/UzypbbnZkX>

On return in the New Year we will be launching our second set of RESPECT cards as we refocus on the personal qualities and learning behaviours that we wish to encourage from our students.

Our students and staff have once again worked terrifically well this term in times of adversity. I hope you all enjoy a joyous break together with family at home and wish you a very happy and safe festive period.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andrew J Knowles
Headteacher