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10 December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you with final arrangements for the end of this term and the start of next. Please read the contents of this letter carefully as it includes important information about a staggered start in January 2022.



End of term arrangements

Students finish school on Friday, 17 December and will be dismissed from 1.00pm. On this day, every child will receive a free Christmas lunch, as is part of Park's tradition at this time of year. Students and staff are welcome to replace their blazer with a Christmas jumper, but the rest of school uniform must be worn.



Homework survey

Thank you for your responses to our homework survey. Almost 200 parents took the time to respond and give us feedback. What is clear is that you are supporting your children with their homework and that it is valued. The impact is noticed in lessons too, especially with multiple choice quizzes for Years 7, 8 and 9 which are helping student practise remembering.



Overall, you wanted to keep the system as it is for homework, which means we will continue to notify you of homework set on the INSIGHT app so you can monitor this, but also set for students on Teams.



Free School Meals over Christmas

For those in receipt of Free School Meal, funding has been made available to issue e-vouchers for the Christmas break. These will be sent to you by the end of term via an email directly from Wonde. Please do check your junk mail if you are eligible.



In addition to being able to redeem your e-voucher at the normal range of supermarkets you will also be able to use it at our MUNCH Pantry, which from Monday 13 December will be located in The Dickinson Centre. Access to the Pantry is normally through membership. However, families using their e-Voucher in our community pantry will not have to pay the usual £5 weekly membership fee as part of the exchange for purchasing at least £15 worth of food and supplies.



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Start of next term

In line with government advice, the start of next term will be staggered. This will allow Covid testing for all students with consent before lessons begin and also some time for induction activities.

The arrangements are as follows:

	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Wednesday 5 January 2022	Thursday 6 January 2022
Year 7	Remote learning from home	In school 9.00am-12.00 noon for testing, tutor sessions and lunch	All students in school as normal from 8.25am.
Year 8	Remote learning from home	In school 10.15am-1.15pm for testing, tutor session and lunch	
Year 9	In school 9.00am-12.00 noon for testing, tutor session and lunch	Remote learning from home as set on Teams	
Year 10	In school 10.15am - 1.15pm for testing, tutor session and lunch	Remote learning from home as set on Teams	
Year 11	In school 11.30am-2.30pm for testing, tutor session and lunch	Remote learning from home as set on Teams	

If government guidance changes at all over the holiday period we will write to you again with an update.

There are two links in this letter:

1. If you would like to say thank you to staff for their hard work this term, whether this is individuals or everyone, we would really appreciate it. Your positive messages are displayed in the staff room for all to see and always mean a great deal to us. Please email thankyou@pcs.hants.sch.uk

We would really appreciate it if, at the end of a busy term, you could take a few moments to give us some feedback on what is going well for your children at Park and also any suggestions for things we could consider to improve:

2. A survey on your child's experience of life at Park this term can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/crDSwihbrE>

The survey also includes a question checking your child still has access to a laptop or computer at home. Please complete it so we can help you if you need it.

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Finally, we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing students in the New Year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Anders".

Christopher Anders
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ella Capaldi".

Ella Capaldi
Head of School