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24th November 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

End of Term – December 2017

We are nearing the end of the second term and preparations for the festivities has already begun!

Our Christmas Carol Concert is taking place during the evening of Wednesday 6th December at St James' Church, Dursley – I hope that you will be able to go along and witness what I am sure will be a fantastic performance by so many of our students.

The last two terms have seen the Year 7 students settling in well and they are now confident in finding their way around. We would welcome feedback from the parents of our new students about their experiences since starting and the transition process from primary to secondary school.

I have been delighted with the calm atmosphere in the school and the way in which students have approached their studies. I walk around the whole school, at least twice a day, checking on classrooms, monitoring the delivery and the engagement of the students. I can honestly say that the students are a credit; they are quiet, attentive and focused upon their learning.

Our Key Stage 4 progress data has just been published; it is not as high as last year when we reached the top 25% of schools, but we still outperformed local schools. This demonstrates the high expectations that we have for our students and the ambitious drive for the school. When we say that every student matters, we really mean it. Rednock is proud of the comprehensive nature of the school; we do the best that we can for everyone.

The current term will end on **Friday 15th December 2017 at 1.30pm**. However, please note there will be no lunch break on the day: there will be a morning break and students will then spend the latter part of the morning in tutor groups and community assemblies. School transport have been informed of our early finish and will be collecting students at 1.30pm.

We hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends over the festive period and look forward to welcoming the students back on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018**.

Finally, I have included on the reverse of this letter, details of the school's procedure should it need to close due to adverse weather conditions. Please take the time to look at the information.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Alexander
Head Teacher

Head Teacher: David Alexander, BA (Hons); MSc

SNOW | EXTREME WEATHER POLICY - EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

Policy Rationale

In the event of adverse weather conditions, it is School Policy to make every effort to remain open where possible. We are fully aware that closure can disrupt teaching and learning and create additional challenges for students and staff as well as inconveniencing students, parents and carers. However, the safety of our students and staff remains essential. The decision to close the School will consider a number of factors as follows:

1. Conditions on site are considered to be too dangerous for safety (this will also include heating and utility factors caused by adverse weather);
2. Conditions are considered to be too dangerous for safe travel or are likely to worsen if the School is already open;
3. Advice and recommendations received from other agencies, including Gloucestershire County Council, local police and emergency services, transport organisations;
4. Insufficient staff able to travel in to keep the School operating safely or to cover lessons for absent colleagues.

The decision will be made as early as possible or by 7.30am at the latest by the Head Teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team in his absence and will be communicated via the following channels:

- Gloucestershire County Council website – <http://www.glosclosedschools.com>
- Rednock School Website – www.rednockschool.org.uk
- Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/rednockschool.org.uk>
- Twitter: @rednock_school
- BBC Radio Gloucester – 104.7FM
- Heart Radio Station – 102.4FM
- Text / Email / My Ed App Alerts
- Automated message on the School's telephone system (T: 01453 543618, Option 7)

Examinations

The school will make every attempt to open for any public examinations.

Re-Opening

Parents should continue to check the school website for information about re-opening. The school may need to re-open in stages (e.g. Years 10 and 11 for the first day) while we continue to make the site accessible for larger numbers of students.

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