



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your help in keeping our school open. We are only open today because of everything you and our fantastic staff have done so far to keep our students safe. With the Christmas holidays just around the corner, and the recent rise of Covid cases in our county's schools, we need your help now more than ever. Although I know that it has been difficult at times, by working so well together our school has remained open and your children have been able to keep learning. Please remember if someone at home gets any Covid-19 symptoms, it is important that they stay at home and arrange a test. All members of the household must also stay at home until the test results come back. I know that by now you will be sick and tired of being reminded of this. I do so only because I don't want to be the Grinch who spoils Christmas by having to inform you that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, and that you all need to self-isolate for 14 days.

If you need help staying at home and don't have friends or neighbor's to support you, contact the Gloucestershire Community Help Hub by clicking on 'Get help' and completing the form on the County Council's website, or call 01452 583519.

End of term

Further to my MILK message that was sent on Tuesday 8th December, we will now break up for Christmas at 3.20pm on Thursday 17th December. 'Christmas Jumper Day' has also now been moved to coincide with this day and Meet and Eat will be serving fish and chips on this day instead of the Friday. If students do not have a Christmas jumper but wish to wear a Santa hat, reindeer antlers etc. on this day then that is fine too. Please remember to make your donation of £1.00 on Parentpay. All money raised will go to Winston's Wish charity.

Christmas Carol Concert

Our Head of Music, Mrs O'Regan, has been very busy putting together a virtual Christmas Concert with students this year.

This will be available to view from Thursday 17th December at 7.00pm on YouTube. A link will be sent out next week.



What a Wonderful World – Newent 2021 Calendars

Just a reminder that these calendars are still available to purchase via Parentpay for £6.00 or 2 for £10. Last date to order is **Monday 14th December 2020**.

Thank you again for all of your unwavering support this term. You have all handled the roller coaster of emotions caused by this pandemic so well and I am proud of the efforts of our staff in keeping learning going at Newent despite the challenges. One thing that does sadden me however, is that there have been so many times when walking down the school corridors I have offered a smile of encouragement to a student only to have it hidden behind a mask. I will be glad when they are no longer needed. One final reminder, all students will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alan Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alan Johnson
Principal