



10th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed a pleasant and restful Christmas, and I wish you every success and happiness for the New Year.

As we start a new term and a new year, I have asked staff to focus on certain aspects of pastoral care and discipline around the school and in the local area at the beginning and end of the school day. All staff will be paying particular attention to:

- Uniform
- Punctuality
- Behaviour and dress before and after school
- Conduct moving around the school
- Quality of home work produced

I have asked that all homework is posted on Google Classroom so that you can see what is being set. Please do check to ensure that your child is completing work on time and spending an appropriate amount of time completing it to a good standard.

In light of bad weather ahead in the coming weeks and the possibility of snow, please check the school website if you are unsure that we will be open. Closure is very, very rare and will only happen as a last resort; this will always be posted on the school website.

Finally, I know that it is the season for illness and bugs, but please do make every effort to ensure that your child is in school. Obviously, if children are ill they should stay at home and recuperate, but you may be aware that attendance to school is a national concern. Non-attendance has a significant negative impact on students' work and weakens their resilience at school; persistent absence can become a habit which has many other negative side-effects. If I or my staff can help you with this matter, please do get in touch; we are here to support you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. Anthony
Headmaster