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10 December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

**Re: Christmas End of Term Celebrations (0049-21KTH)**

## KEY INFORMATION

- **Christmas Lunch is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Last day of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**
- **On the last day, pupils will follow their timetabled lessons period 1 to 4 and take part in activities as a Form Group during period 5**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December is a voluntary Christmas themed non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1 per person to raise funds for 'Save the Children'**
- **Free School Meal Vouchers for eligible families**
- **Pupils return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. This year, we had hoped to have celebrated with a host of activities such as a band experience, whole school performance and Christmas themed competitions to reward the positive work ethic, progress, behaviour and personal development our pupils have exhibited.

Unfortunately, due to the latest Covid-19 variant, we have taken the decision to scale back our plans. This is to avoid bringing large groups of pupils together prior to Christmas. Please be assured, funds that would have been used for the planned Christmas celebrations will remain in our rewards budget. We hope to be in a position to offer these activities prior to the Easter break, and it is our intention to combine the Christmas and Easter celebration funds so that we can offer an enhanced Easter celebration.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> December, pupils will follow their timetabled lessons period one to four. During period five, pupils will take part in activities as a Form Group.

Christmas Lunch day will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. On the day, pupils have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional style Christmas dinner including a choice of festive pudding. For pupils not wishing to enjoy a Christmas dinner, a limited number of alternative options will be available.



As we have in previous years, pupils and staff will be supporting the national 'Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day' by taking part in a voluntary Christmas themed non-uniform day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils and staff will be asked to make a voluntary **suggested donation of £1.00**. The usual rules surrounding non-uniform apply, sensible shoes; no cropped t-shirts; no jewellery; or fake nails. Parents / Carers and staff can also donate online by visiting our JustGiving page

[Save the Children - Longfield JustGiving Page](#)

### **Free School Meal Vouchers for Christmas Holidays**

For families that are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), the government has announced a new Household Support Grant to help vulnerable households with essentials over the Christmas holidays.

Darlington Borough Council will utilise this grant to support families who are entitled to FSM by providing a FSM voucher to the value of £60.00 per child. The voucher is provided in order to support families with food and fuel costs throughout the festive period.

Vouchers will be issued by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 via Wonde and delivered to parents / carers in the same way as previous vouchers. This is usually by email / text.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact [enquiries@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk) prior to 12:00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Please note, school reception is also closed throughout the Christmas holidays and reopens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Christmas Message**

As we approach the end of 2021, we offer a heartfelt wish for pupils and their families to enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas and we wish you all the very best for 2022.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Yours faithfully,



Mr K Thompson  
Assistant Headteacher