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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to provide an update on the end of term and start of the New Year arrangements as below.

Thursday 16 December – NSfG Christmas day

This will be our Covid adapted NSfG Christmas activities day. Students will be in normal lessons until break time, there will then be a range of seasonal activities, including opportunity to take part in the school Christmas dinner. Students do not need to pre-book the Christmas dinner and can pay using their swipe cards/gateway account on the day. A normal “non-Christmas” dinner option will be available.

This will be a non-uniform day with no charge. Students are encouraged to be as festive as they wish!

Friday 17 December – last day of term

On our last day of term students will be in normal lessons until midday, after this there will be a short base time. **Students will finish school at 12.30pm.** There will be a light canteen offer for any student who wishes to stay for lunch after 12.30pm. If you would like your child to stay in school until the normal finish time (2.25pm) please let us know through info@nsfg.org.uk. Students are in normal school uniform for this day.

January school return

I would ask parents to refer to my previous letter on the school website for full details of the staggered return in January. A summary of the key points are below;

Tuesday 4 January: Staff Development Day, however we are asking Year 11 to attend for their Covid test.

Wednesday 5 January: Year 11 return to lessons. Year 12 and 13 return for testing and then move to lessons after their test. Years 7 to 10 undertake remote learning.

Thursday 6 January: Years 9 and 10 return for testing and then move to lessons after the Covid test. Years 7-8 undertake remote learning.

Friday 7 January: Years 7 and 8 return for testing and then move to lessons after the Covid test. We are aware that due to the time slots some Year 7 students may not be able to return to class before the end of the day.

We ask that all students (apart from Year 11 on Tuesday) attend for the test in their school uniform. **To support our planning please can all parents complete the permission form before Friday 17 December.** (<https://forms.gle/Vmgy85RYgw5dR5So6>). Students who have had Covid within 90 days or do not have testing permission should still complete the form and then report to the testing centre at the times shown in my last letter.

Full details of arrangements and time slots can be found in my letter on the school website. (<https://www.nsfg.org.uk/homepage/school-letters-home/>).

Final thoughts

This has been another term where we have all had to navigate changes and disruption, however it has been great to see how students, parents and the staff team pulled together to make it all work. I am very pleased that we still managed to operate our trips day last Friday, it was so good to see the students enjoying themselves and relaxing together. It is a genuine privilege to work with such great students who really want to engage with our school and its activities.

I would like to thank parents for your support over this term, students for their excellent response in wearing masks again and our staff team for continuing to go above and beyond to help our students engage with school and learning.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and restful Christmas break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Norwood', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Norwood
Headteacher