



Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term December 2021

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone for their continued support as we navigate these challenging times.

As outlined by the First Minister in her announcement to Parliament on 14 December 2021, a key aim is to keep schools open. Consequently, we will continue to operate as planned until the end of term on **Tuesday 21st December 2021**.

In light of the recent concerns over the new Covid-19 strain, to support our school community we are making slight changes to provide as much support as we can in keeping our school community safe. From this week we will be cancelling all non-essential activities, moving to online meetings only and reducing visitors in school for essential purposes only.

All young people will be kept in their timetabled classes and to their seating plans, to minimise contacts outwith their timetabled day. As you are aware, the new 10-day isolation period is now in operation and from Wednesday, any cases will impact on Christmas Day, therefore, we are doing all we can to reduce risk to our whole school community.

I would like to reinforce the message that school remains open. Previously, we have had a number of parents/carers opt to have their children work from home on their Google classrooms. We are sensitive to everyone's individual circumstances and if this is your intention, I would ask that you complete the form on the following link. This will enable us to code each pupil correctly and minimise the follow-up contacts on returning after the festive break.

<https://forms.office.com/r/YyQeNmq177>

All work on Google classrooms will be independent study, with no lessons, as staff are teaching their classes in school until the end of term. Additional support for online learning can be found here <https://e-sgoil.com/>

Last Day of Term

The school will officially close at lunchtime on **Tuesday 21st December 2021** with buses arriving at 12.30pm. Pupils will finish classes at 12.15pm and a limited lunch will be available.

Spring Term

The Spring Term will start on **Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 8.55am** and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, encouragement and patience. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Tom Black
Headteacher