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11 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you in good health as we head into this festive holiday period. Your commitment, dedication, and support are always at the heart of our school community. Your involvement in various areas of school life, whether it be attending Parent Evenings, Parent Workshops, participating in the Parent Forum Meetings continues to significantly enrich our school community.

I believe in transparency with all our parents as we continue this journey of improvement, and it gives me great pleasure to share that we are making some real headway with our School Improvement Plan. I have asked all our staff to reflect on what we have achieved this academic year already, whilst looking back at how far we have come. I am acutely aware of what we must continue to focus on, and we will certainly continue this with dedication, vigour and enthusiasm when we return in January.

Working in partnership with our parents is something we have focused on, and this has led to the development of our Family Engagement Strategy, which you can find on our website. Embedding the loop of feedback with parents is something we must continue to focus on as I truly value the contributions of support you bring to the educational outcomes of your children and the development of our school. Your commitment inspires us to strive for greater achievements and reinforces our belief in the transformative power of a united school community.

### **Last day of term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

School will finish on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.30pm. Students will have an extended Tutor Time from 12.30pm – 1.30pm and then if they wish to stay for lunch, this will be available from 1.30pm – 2.00pm. To ensure we have the lunch provision for those students who wish to access it, I would kindly ask that you complete the short survey below. This will enable us to assess the numbers staying and in turn, the required food for the day; if they are not staying for lunch, you will not need to complete the attached form.

***The deadline for the form will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm.***

<https://forms.office.com/e/YM88muN3Vb>

We will also be having our Christmas Jumper day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, there will be a voluntary contribution of £1 that will be collected in the morning during Tutor Time. The money raised will be donated to Sheffield's Children Hospital; this is the charity that our Student Council have chosen to be our school's charity this academic year.



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## Return to School

We will be adding in an additional inset day, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

***Student's will be expected back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8.35am.***

We will also be welcoming a new member of staff, Mr. Furness, who will be joining the school as Assistant Headteacher. Mr. Furness will be leading Intervention and Engagement across the school. Mr. Furness brings a wealth of experience of school leadership and improvement across several schools; he has also been the National Lead for Science. I am looking forward to this new and exciting layer of experience that Mr. Furness will bring to Handsworth Grange, and I trust you will all support him as he starts in this new role as part of our school community.

We look forward to continuing this partnership and the continued growth and success of our school, guided by your invaluable support into 2024.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing holiday break with your families and friends and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

Suzy Mattock  
Headteacher