

26 November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

School Closed for INSET and Other Information

Key Dates

The school is closed for pupils on **Friday 30 November 2018** due to staff INSET. This is a very busy term and other key dates are:

Wednesday 5 December	-	Y10 Parents' Consultation Evening (4.30-7.00 pm)
Monday 11 December	-	Start of Y11 Mock exam week No 2
Wednesday 19 December	-	Christmas Dinner / Own Clothes Day
Thursday 20 December	-	Break up for Christmas Holidays 1.10pm

Attendance

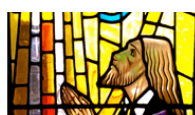
The most recent analysis of pupil attendance shows that the majority of our pupils consistently attend school on a regular basis with many on 100% - well done! However there are still a number of pupils whose attendance is a cause for concern. Did you know that children can suffer academically if they miss 10 per cent of school days or about 19 days? That is just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it. It doesn't matter if these absences are authorised or unauthorised. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn. There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement.

Uniform

This is the time of the year when cold, damp and wet weather is the norm. Please encourage your child to dress appropriately, preferably with a suitable coat and sensible shoes. Boots are not permitted; however **if pupils choose to wear boots on the way to school when weather conditions are poor they must change into their proper school shoes on arrival.**

Yours sincerely,

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