

December 2022

End of Term Arrangements

Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of another successful term, we would like to share the arrangements for the last two weeks. As you are aware, school finishes for the Christmas break on **Wednesday 21st December 2022**. As in previous years there will be an early finish and school will close at 12.20pm.

Unfortunately, not all of the school buses will be running. Please see the list below:

817 – Stalybridge bus **will not** be running

830 – Hyde, Gee Cross, Hattersley bus will run at 12:30pm

838 – Ridge Hill bus will run at 12:30pm

842 – Broadbottom bus **will not** be running

846 – Hyde, Godley, Hattersley bus will run at 12:30pm

Please make alternative arrangements for your child to get home if they use the 817 or 842 bus service. If you require us to supervise your child in school until 2.50pm, please could you contact the school office and leave your child's details. A selection of food and drink will be available as normal for all students at break time on the final day. Free school meal students will be able to collect sandwiches at break if required.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform families of two charity events we will be supporting in December.

Firstly, on **Friday 16th December** we are participating in **National Christmas Jumper Day**. This year instead of asking for a monetary donation we are asking for any long-life or tinned products to help support the Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank, seeded by The Trussell Trust. For a donation, students will be able to wear a Christmas jumper, a red jumper or a green jumper, instead of their usual school jumper. Students will be expected to uphold the high expectations for every other aspect of their school uniform and their choice of jumper must be in line with the criteria we have provided. For more information about what to donate please visit www.tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk. In addition, on Friday 16th December, **Christmas Dinner** will be served in the Dining Room.

Secondly, following the success of the **Christmas Toy Appeal** last year, Mark Storie at Astley Sports Village is organising this again for 2022 in conjunction with the Stamford Park Trust. Longdendale High School will be collecting donations as part of this, and we are arranging gifts for families within two of our feeder primary schools. The presents will be wrapped and bagged up and distributed to the schools to give out to parents before they break up for Christmas. Further details can be found here: https://astleysportsvillage.co.uk/gym_news/christmas-gift-appeal-2022/

If you are able to donate to this cause, the Student Leadership Team are accepting toy donations in school up to and including Friday 9th December.

I would also like to update families on a new initiative we have begun this half-term, whereby a text is sent home to parents / carers for those students who have demonstrated our core values of respect, resilience and aspiration in school the previous week and therefore accrued only positive reward points on Class Charts. At Longdendale High School we recognise the importance of rewarding students for their positive behaviour choices, conduct and attitude to learning in their lessons. Rewarding students is a key strategy for Longdendale to keep raising the bar for expectations and standards throughout the school. We trust that this communication between school and home will continue to develop the strong relationship between school and home, in serving as a weekly reminder of the excellent choices your child has made at school.

Please note that school reopens to students on **Monday 9th January 2023** (red week) for the start of the Spring Term.

All the staff at Longdendale would like to wish you and your families a happy Christmas and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Dr Alex Glancey (Assistant Headteacher)

Mr Mike Hollin (Assistant Headteacher)