



ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of term, I am writing to you with details of what the run-up to Christmas will look like at Astley this year. In what has been a very challenging time for all involved with our school, we hope to end the term on a real positive and try to inject some festive spirit into school life. Although much of what we usually do will have to be curtailed this year, we hope that, as usual, the atmosphere in school will be happy and friendly.

Wednesday 2 December - Non-Uniform Day

As we are unable to have our usual food collection for the hampers for the elderly, we have decided to have a non-uniform day instead on **Wednesday 2 December**. The donation will be £1 and all proceeds will buy food vouchers, which we will deliver to our local residents.

Friday 11 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Non-uniform day - Theme “Christmas Jumpers”. We will be having a charity collection on this day for **Save The Children** and ask students to donate £1 if possible.

Wednesday 16 December - Christmas Lunch Day

Although we are unable to provide our usual Christmas lunch offering, the catering staff will be producing a “Christmas wrap”, chocolate log slice and a carton of juice for £3. You must sign up in advance for this and meals will be delivered to the respective year group bubble areas, so nobody misses out.

Thursday 17 December - Chocolate Treats and Voucher Delivery Day

- Normal school day in school uniform.
- All students will receive hot chocolate and a chocolate bar at break or lunchtime in their bubble..
- The food vouchers from the money raised from the non-uniform day on Wednesday 2 December will be delivered by selected students on this day.

Friday 18 December – Final Day of Term

- Non-uniform day - Free
- Normal lessons P1/2 & P3/4
- All year groups will have a festive tutor period P5/6.
- At 12.00 pm students will be dismissed to begin the Christmas Holidays.
- As usual we expect the highest standards of behaviour from our students as they go home and they must not go to any of the other schools and cause a nuisance.
- Free School Meals students should see me if they need food on this day.



Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the school for the excellent job that they have done this term in strange and difficult times.

In addition, I would like to congratulate the huge majority of students on their effort, behaviour and teamwork with the staff, which has made life easier for all. Finally, a big thank you also to you as parents/carers for your fantastic support. The positive messages and thanks we have received since September from many of you have kept us going, knowing that we have your support and you are happy with the job we have done in ensuring the safety and well-being of your child in a stable educational environment. Thank you!

School will be closed until **Tuesday 5 January 2021** when we will re-open for all students.

Monday 4 January 2021 is a Teacher Training day.

Could I please ask all parents/carers to ensure that all students return to school smart and organised for the year ahead. This includes making sure that students are not in breach of our school's policies on uniform, piercings and hairstyles. I appreciate your support in maintaining our very high standards.

We have asked for a couple of cash donations in this period, however, if you feel that you are unable to contribute at this moment in time due to financial concerns, then please do not worry and send your child into school as normal.

Finally, more so than ever, I would like to wish you all a very Merry family Christmas and all the best for 2021. Hopefully it will be better than 2020!

Kind regards and season's greetings from everyone at ACHS.

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Graham Scott
Head of School