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Dear Parents and Carers,

Information for the end of term and the start of 2021

I would like to thank you for all of your support over the first two terms of this year. It has been a very different start to the academic year but, as I am sure you are aware, all of our members of staff have been working extremely hard to make sure that our students are making progress in line with the high expectations we have of them, whilst also ensuring that they are safe and happy at school. The additional procedures we have in place are helping to ensure the safety of our community and I am extremely proud of the way in which students and staff have adapted to the situation we find ourselves in.

However, given the current situation in the local area, now is obviously not the time to allow any complacency to creep in. We will continue with our high levels of attentiveness to the measures in place and are extremely grateful for the support and cooperation of all members of the community with this.

Charity Event:

We have been discussing fund raising events for the latter part of this term; the students and staff would like to support local and national charities by having a 'Christmas Jumper' day on Friday 18th December. This means that students and staff can wear a 'Christmas Jumper' to school on that day. Students wearing a 'Christmas Jumper' would be able to wear their own clothes in addition to this. Students may also wish to customise their uniform or face covering with Christmas decorations or other accessories related to this festive time of year. As a part of this event students and staff are asked to make a donation to charity.

The donation can be made by ParentPay, suggested donation £2, which will be divided between the charitable organisations: Surviving Christmas and Surviving the Streets. Alternatively, donations could be in the form of an item or items of food which will be donated to Surviving Christmas and our local Foodbank. Suitable food items for donation include teabags, sugar, coffee, biscuits, breakfast cereal such as cereals, porridge oats, milk – long life cartons, fruit juice – long life cartons, jam or marmalade, dried pasta, pasta sauces – dried or jars, instant mash, dried noodles, soup – tinned, packet soups, vegetables – tinned, tomatoes – tinned or cartons, fruit – tinned, rice pudding – tinned or cartons, custard – tinned or cartons, corned beef – tinned, fish – tinned, baked beans or tinned spaghetti, stacker crisps such as Pringles, chocolate or cakes.

ParentPay will be closed at 12pm on Thursday 17th December, after this time food donations are still welcome. This allows the funds to be distributed in time for Christmas.

Through this event it is hoped that we can raise much needed funds and useful items for these charitable organisations and remember those less fortunate at this time of year.

Students not wishing to take part in this event are asked to wear their normal College uniform on that day. Please be aware that all other uniform requirements will be as usual and students who have PE lessons on that day should bring their normal College PE kit.

Uniform:

Please remember to check the College uniform requirements on our website if buying new items of clothing or shoes for school and if your son or daughter is having their hair cut over the Christmas break. Please remember that shoes should be of a traditional design, some shops are selling shoes which are of a design which is akin to a trainer; please be aware that we do not consider these to be allowable in terms of our College uniform. Further guidance is available from the College website. We have had a few incidents recently of students coming to school with hair styles which are not in line with the College rules, please could I ask for your support in ensuring that styles are in line with our policy. If in doubt please contact your child's Head of House.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16th November

Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic our catering contractors are unable to provide the hot Christmas lunch previously advertised and will instead be offering only the Christmas baguette and Iced brownie. If you require a hot meal there will be an option of 'Mac N Cheese' however you need to make the canteen aware of this before the day. If you have already paid and do not want either of these options please return your ticket to the canteen for a refund before 2pm on Tuesday 15th December.

Covid-19 Notifications:

Just a reminder that should your son or daughter be diagnosed as a positive case of Covid-19 over the weekend or during the school holidays could you please email:

covid19@claverham.org

This will enable us to carry out any necessary contact tracing procedures together with Public Health England. Thank you for your support.

Last day of term:

On the last day of this term, 18th December, the College will be closing from 12pm, when students will be dismissed in a staggered manner. We have contacted our transport providers to ensure that arrangements are in place for those students who use public or College transport. A further letter will be sent to you shortly detailing these arrangements. The canteen will be open as usual for morning break on that day and any students who receive a free school meal should go to the canteen at **morning break** to claim their entitlement, as it will not be open for lunch.

With the positive news regarding vaccines I hope that we might be able to return to a degree of normality at some point next year. In the meantime, please be assured that we will continue to do our utmost to ensure that the College remains a safe environment for all.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable break at the end of this term, the next term commences on **Monday 4th January at 8.55 am**, for all students. The next copy of the newsletter will be published during the final week of term updating parents with news from around the College community.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Swatton
Principal