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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones keeping safe and well in what continues to be uncertain and challenging times.

We are continuing to experience increasingly high levels of staff absence due to sickness and positive Covid – 19 cases.

In order to manage the situation and ensure quality of learning is provided to the students, the decision has been taken this morning to move to remote learning for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Remote learning through Google Classroom will operate on Tuesday for periods 1, 2 3, 4 and 5, and on Wednesday the Heads of Year will provide a pastoral programme for the students from 8.30 – 11 am, which will include our Carol Service, which I hope you may also be able to watch and take part in.

Students will be informed of these arrangements and expectations at Tutor time before leaving the school this morning to start their remote learning at 1 pm this afternoon. Each student on site will be provided with a spare exercise book before they leave today. This is for use in all their subjects. Exercise books will be available over the next two days at the door to Reception should one need to be collected for any student currently off site. Lap tops and computers are not essential to complete remote learning as students have the option to write their work on paper / exercise books / folders, take a photo of it and then submit by 4 pm.

The Academy will be closed from Thursday 22nd December. Please note Monday, 10th January will be a staff INSET day. Staffing capacity will be reviewed then, and we will put in place necessary measures to support the return of all students to their learning.

The numbers of confirmed cases in Greenwich continue to rise steadily and the new Omicron variant is spreading fast. Anyone who is unvaccinated or has yet to have their booster is at increased risk from Covid -19 and more serious illness. Vaccines provide the best way we can protect ourselves, our families, our school and the wider community. I would also remind you of the need to keep taking the twice weekly LFTs and follow Government advice including that from Chris Whitty, Chief Scientific Adviser.

I would ask you keep the school community in your prayers and thoughts, especially those who are unwell, those who care for them, and very sadly for those who are bereaved.

I close my letter with a reflection on the message of Christmas for you and your loved ones.

The Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart,
and to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do
and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.

May your Christmas celebration be filled with peace, joy and happiness, and may the year ahead bring you and your family many blessings.

Yours faithfully



Miss Malone
Principal
