



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

Dear Parent / Carer

16 December 2020

We have finally arrived at the final week of this Autumn term, the challenges of which have been significant and we have worked together to overcome each of these as they have arisen. The support of the wider community over this last term has been overwhelming, for which I have been extremely grateful. This has enabled us to continue to deliver the full curriculum and I am sure that we are all looking forward to the opportunity of taking some time to re-build our strength over the Christmas break - "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." Eleanor Roosevelt.

I know that a number of students have asked if they are able to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday as this is the last day of term and I am happy to support this request. Please bear in mind however, that other uniform such as blazers, ties and shoes must still be worn.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that the DfE requires schools to continue to track and trace positive COVID-19 cases for a period of 6 days after the end of the Autumn term. To enable us to manage this, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 between Thursday 17 December and Wednesday 23 December, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of when they were last in school or in contact with students or staff at WHS, please let the school know via email to contact@waleshigh.com.

If your child develops symptoms more than 48 hours from last contact with students or staff at school, you do not need to contact us. However, if your child will be absent due to illness or the need to self isolate when we return to school on Monday 4 January 2021, you can let us know this via email to attendance@waleshigh.com. Please remember to include your child's full name and tutor group so that we can record any absences promptly and accurately.

If you or anyone in your household develops symptoms over the Christmas period, please follow the guidance contained in [this link](#).

I cannot stress enough how important it is to continue to adhere to distancing rules over the Christmas holiday. For many of us, this will be the first time that we have been able to spend quality time with our families for a good few months and as a consequence, we do anticipate an increase in positive cases due to mixing of households over the Christmas period so I urge you to do everything possible to look after each other over the coming days.

I will write to you again before we return to school on 4 January 2021, to share any updates which we may have. In the meantime, please stay as safe as possible over the Christmas holiday and enjoy the break.

On behalf of all of the staff at WHS, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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Headteacher