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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with a month to go until Christmas.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your emails of thanks and support with last week's Lockdown incident. This, as you are aware, was instigated by the Police following a safety issue within the local community. It took longer than anticipated to resolve by the Police, but was definitely helped by parents not coming up to school and by keeping our phone lines free for emergency communications from the Police. The students were impeccably well behaved and whilst I understand it was worrying for you all, they were all safe and well looked after. Emotional support was available the next day for some students who were struggling to process what had happened. I would like to emphasise that at no time during the Lockdown event, did the suspect enter the school site.

Since the beginning of term, the wearing of appropriate school uniform has started to slip a little. I thought it would be good timing to respectfully remind all parents and carers of our expectations of what our students should be wearing in school. This includes jewellery and haircuts. If you are in any doubt about whether a particular item of jewellery or hair style is in line with uniform expectations, please check with your child's tutor before embarking on the purchasing of such items or hair styles.

Sadly, the annual occurrence of Diarrhoea and Vomiting (D&V) has been affecting some of our students. I would kindly remind parents and carers that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last time they have been unwell. This is in line with NHS guidelines on school attendance following incidents of D&V. Children who are brought into school before 48 hours will be sent home again to protect the other members of the school population, some of whom are medically very vulnerable. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

This half term has seen the YR 11's participate in their Runways End residential which was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by many. It takes many staff to give up their personal time to make our residential achievable, and I am sure that you will join me in thanking all staff who make events like this happen throughout the year.

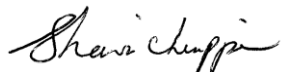
We recently held our Primary and KS4 parents evening and tomorrow is the turn of KS3 parents to come and meet with subject staff. You will appreciate that this event has to be finely timed, and 5 minute appointments need to be kept to, so as not to throw the evening off course. There will be a timer running on the screen to help with this. I would ask that if you need a longer discussion with a subject teacher, that you make an appointment on another day to have this. I thank you all in anticipation of your support with this and your understanding that for our staff, it is a very long day.

As we start the run up to Christmas, so our in-school celebrations begin. YR 7 will be going Christmas bowling and further details will be released soon. All students who wish to have a Christmas lunch in school will be able to order one at no charge to parents. Some of our Primary children will be off to the Pantomime and there will be a Primary Christmas show which will be advertised very soon.

I really hope to see some of you at the events going on in school over the next four weeks.

When the festive season eventually arrives, I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shari Chinnappa', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Chinnappa
Headteacher
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