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9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

### **End of Term 2 – December 2021**

We are nearing the end of the second term and preparations for the festivities have already begun!

Our Christmas Carol Concert is taking place during the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at St James' Church, Dursley – I hope that you will be able to go along and witness what I am sure will be a fantastic performance by so many of our students.

The last two terms have seen our Year 7 students settling in well and they are now confident in finding their way around. We would welcome feedback from the parents/carers of our new students about their experiences since starting and the transition process from primary to secondary school.

I have been delighted with the calm atmosphere in the school and the way in which students have approached their studies. I walk around the whole school, at least twice a day, checking on classrooms, monitoring the delivery and engagement of the students. I can honestly say that the students are a credit in class; they are quiet, attentive and focussed upon their learning. This is happening at a time when all of the uncertainties around the pandemic add to the pressure on students and staff. As a school community we have pulled together and limited our exposure to Covid 19.

The current term will end on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 1.30pm**. However, please note there will be no lunch break on the day; there will be a morning break and students will spend the latter part of the morning in tutor groups and community assemblies. The bus companies have been informed of our early finish and will be collecting students at 1.30pm.

We hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends over the festive period and look forward to welcoming the students back on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. As you may already know the latest Government guidance requires us to offer a Covid 19 test on site before our students return to school. To minimise the impact on learning, our aim is to test all students on inset day **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Further details regarding consent and appointment times will follow.

Please do not forget to remind your child(ren) that mobile phones are to be turned off before entering schools and placed out of sight for the remainder of the day.

Should the school need to close due to adverse weather conditions, please check the Gloucestershire County Council website – <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures> or our school website [www.rednockschool.org.uk](http://www.rednockschool.org.uk).

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

**Mr David Alexander**  
Head Teacher

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## SNOW/EXTREME WEATHER - EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

### Policy Rationale

In the event of adverse weather conditions, it is school policy to make every effort to remain open where possible. The school is fully aware that closure can disrupt teaching and learning and create additional challenges for students and staff as well as inconveniencing students, parents and carers.

However, the safety of our students and staff remains essential. Factors involved in reaching a decision to close the school will include:

1. Conditions on site are considered to be too dangerous for safety (this will also include heating and utility factors caused by adverse weather);
2. Conditions are considered to be too dangerous for safe travel or are likely to worsen if the School is already open;
3. Advice and recommendations received from other agencies, including Gloucestershire County Council, local police and emergency services, transport organisations;
4. Insufficient staff able to travel in to keep the School operating safely or to cover lessons for absent colleagues.

The decision will be made as early as possible or by 7.30am at the latest by the Head Teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team in his absence and will be communicated via the following channels:

- Gloucestershire County Council website - <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>
- Rednock School Website – [www.rednockschool.org.uk](http://www.rednockschool.org.uk)
- Text / Email / My Ed App Alerts
- Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/rednockschool.org.uk>
- Twitter: @rednock\_school and @Glos\_schools
- BBC Radio Gloucester – 104.7FM
- Heart Radio Station – 102.4FM

### Examinations

The school will make every attempt to remain open for any public examinations.

### Re-Opening

In the event of a school closure, parents should continue to check the school website for information about re-opening.

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