



Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the close of 2021, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. As you will be aware this week has been challenging due to staffing absences connected to Covid-19 and I have taken the difficult decision to ask different year groups to work from home to ease the cover situation and avoid external cover coming into school. I sincerely hope that this situation will be easier after the holidays but obviously we will keep you updated on this.

Return to school

To enable school to carry out the covid testing as students return to school after the holidays we will once more be staggering the start of school. Mr Searles has sent a communication about this please ensure you have checked this so that you know which day the year groups are expected to come in for their tests. The full letter can be found on the website here:

<http://heworthgrange.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=216&type=pdf>

- **Year 9 return date:** Tuesday 4th January 8.35 AM – Home test should be carried out on Friday 31st December or Saturday 1st January
- **Year 11 return date:** Tuesday 4th January 12.50 PM – Home test should be carried out on Friday 31st December or Saturday 1st January (N.B this is after lunch, any students who would normally have a free school meal should • contact the school before the end of term to arrange a time to have their lunch)
- **Year 7 return date:** Wednesday 5th January 8.35 AM – Home test should be carried out on Saturday 1st or Sunday 2nd January
- **Year 10 return date:** Wednesday 5th January 12.20 PM – Home test should be carried out on Saturday 1st or Sunday 2nd January (N.B. normal lunchtime for all Year 10)
- **Year 8 return date:** Thursday 6th January 8.35 AM – Home test should be carried out on Sunday 2nd or Monday 3rd January

Uniform

As part of our continued drive to improve standards we will have a focus on uniform after the holidays. Please ensure you have read the uniform letter and that your son or daughter is in full uniform on their return to school in January. Any students not in full uniform will be given new uniform items to borrow to ensure high standards are adhered to for all. The link to the full letter can be found here:

<https://www.heworthgrange.org/attachments/download.asp?file=212&type=pdf>

Welfare at Christmas

We understand that for some students and families in our community Christmas can be quite a difficult time. We are here to help and support all the members of our community should they need it over the Christmas break. The following emails can be used should parents wish to raise any concerns or students want to contact if they want to ask for any help and support with anything.

Students: HGA - stop it now HGA-stopitnow@consilium-at.com

Parents: HGA - Report it hga-reportit@consilium-at.com

Reading Book List

Mrs McDonald has put a list of books together to encourage reading at home as well as school. If anyone needs any last minute Christmas present idea, the list can be accessed here:

<https://www.heworthgrange.org/page/?title=Reading+and+Literacy&pid=81>

In closing, I would like to wish you a peaceful holiday and if you are celebrating Christmas, I hope you enjoy the festivities and remember you can catch up with all the Team Heworth news in the latest edition of Heworth Headlines.

With best wishes



Ms A Denholm
Headteacher

