

14th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As promised in my letter of last week, I am writing with details regarding the arrangements for the end of term this week and the new term in January.

End of Term

The last day of term for all students is this **Wednesday 15th December 2021**. All students will be dismissed at the end of the school day.

Spring Term Arrangements

As mentioned previously, we are required to test students for Covid before they return to lessons in school. This means that there will be a staggered start to the beginning of the new term but all students should be back in full time lessons by Monday 10th January 2022.

The staggered start in the week of 5th-7th January means that students are either

- coming into school for Covid testing only, then going home directly; or
- returning to full-time lessons if they test negative.

If you have not completed a consent form for your child (further details below), please do not send them in on their year group's testing day – they should continue with work on Google Classrooms at home. Below are the arrangements for your child:

Year 9	
Tuesday 4th January 2022	INSET for staff. No students in school.
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Tutor groups: 9DWG, 9MSH, 9NHN, 9NOR Arrive 8.15am – back gate Testing from 8.45am Leave site 9.30am-10am
	Tutor groups: 9PLT, 9RES, 9SIA, 9ZYS Arrive 9.00am – back gate Testing from 9.30am Leave site 10.45am-11.15am
Thursday 6th January 2022	Normal school day resumes.
Friday 7th January 2022	Normal school day.
Week commencing Monday 10th January 2022	Normal school day.

Testing

If you have not yet done so, please confirm whether you give consent for your child to be tested or not on their return to school by [completing this form](#). Please do fill it in as any forms not completed means that we have to phone parents which may delay the testing programme and have an impact on when the normal school day for your child can resume.

Students will be testing themselves, supported by staff, using the tests requiring a nasal swab only. Throat swabs will not be needed. Once tested, all students will be sent home, as outlined above. Parents of those students who test positive will be notified so that they can arrange a PCR test for their child. These students will need to remain at home until the result of this is received and if it is a positive result, your child will need to isolate. Please keep us informed by contacting natalie.stearn@southfieldsacademy.com if this is the case.



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Holiday Homework

Your child has been given full details of what tasks they are expected to complete over the holiday period. These vary for different year groups.

Free School Meals and Support

Wandsworth Council will be providing a range of support for low-income families and children over the winter period, including free school meals over the festive period and fuel allowances against an entitlement criteria. More details on this can be found [here](#).

Important Dates

Monday 10 th January 2022	Normal school day for all year groups. Some Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 Vocational students will have external exams during this week.
Thursday 20 th January 2022	International Group Parents' Evening IEAP Day 2

With best wishes to you and your family for a safe, happy and refreshing time until we return in January.

Yours faithfully



Wanda Golinska
Headteacher