

WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Carers & Governors

The end of term arrangements have now been completed and everyone should be aware of the normal routines this week and the last three days of term having a number of additional Christmas events.

The main events being the Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 19th December, which is also our Christmas Jumper Day. Please do not go out and buy anything especially for this day, and if pupils wish to take part, they can do so by adapting their school uniform.

School Lunches

There have been a number of concerns raised about additional items being brought into school for lunches. The main concern is around energy drinks. The high caffeine and sugar content of these drinks are, in my opinion, not suitable for pupils in the school day.

Therefore, I ask you do not send in any of these types of drinks with your children in their lunches. The same applies to high sugar foods. A small sweet treat is acceptable, but at times, some pupils have been given large bags of sweets as part of their lunch, which can affect pupil's engagement and learning.

For your information

A number of local schools close to us in Dunstable have reported that last night a man in a balaclava driving a silver car with blackened windows was involved in harassing children, one of whom had to be taken for safety back into the school. The police have been notified and are aware, with a high presence in the area this afternoon. I wanted to make you aware as, given the nature of the incident, this person could be a problem elsewhere. All staff at Weatherfield have been notified and pupils who walk will be informed for their safety.

As you will be aware, safeguarding is a priority of all schools both on site and in the community. We will have a focus on 'stranger danger' to raise awareness of this incident in the coming days.

On a personal note.....

As you know, I will be leaving the role of Head Teacher at the end of term, to concentrate on the growth of Weatherfield Academy and future provisions and resources for the pupils and staff. Therefore, I will not be involved in the operational running of the school from January.

I am confident that the current Weatherfield Academy school is in safe hands with Mr Meenan, as Acting Head of School and can assure you that all of the protocols and procedures that make Weatherfield the special place that it is, will remain. I would like to thank you for your support over the many years that I have been Head Teacher at Weatherfield and wish you well.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Selmes
Head Teacher



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Dates for your Diaries

Friday 15th December – 2.30pm	Christingle in School Hall – Pupils only.
Monday 18th December	Post 16 ‘Give a Gift L&D Hospital (details of follow)
Tuesday 19th December	Lower School Assembly Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Various events organised by Post 16 pupils
Wednesday 20th December	Upper School Assembly End of Term
Wednesday 3rd January	Staff Training Day
Thursday 4th January	Pupils return to the Academy

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