



Dear Parents/Carers and Students

WGS Newsletter (14) 26/11/2021

Definitely a newsletter of two halves today that sums up the situation of managing Covid whilst trying to ensure that normal events return! Firstly, we cover the announcements this weekend regarding new Covid measures; then there is much more positive information about how you can order a Christmas Lunch on festive Thursday 16th December.

National Covid Measures

You may have seen announcements over the weekend about Covid measures. While more is learnt about the new omicron variant, it is sensible to take these measures to prevent the disruption of last winter. The measures that apply to schools directly are:

- 1. All schools will have to adopt the rule we already have in place about wearing face coverings**
The number of students bringing face coverings to school was falling last week, and many students reported 'just forgetting' to bring them. Now that face coverings are going to be routine again in shops and schools, we expect that all students will remember their masks. We have deliberately not gone down the route of applying sanctions to students who do not wear masks and who are not exempt, and we would like to maintain this approach. However, cooperation from all students and families is required. Asking your child, "Have you got your mask for school?" will help enormously. I am sure you will appreciate that both the environmental and cost impact of providing single-use masks in school is huge.
- 2. In-School LFD Testing in January**
We are expecting to carry out 'return to school' LFD testing in the new term. We would hope to minimise disruption to education, but we are awaiting further details before we can give you clear information on how this will work. We will send an 'End of Term and Beginning of Next Term' newsletter soon.
- 3. Contact tracing and self-isolation for contacts of the new omicron variant**
We await more details on how this will work in schools and will keep you informed.

WGS Festive Thursday (16th December 2021) - Christmas Lunch

On our 'Christmas Jumper Day', the Restaurant Staff will be making a boxed Christmas Dinner for staff and students to enjoy for **£3.50**. There is the choice of either a 'meat' or 'vegetarian/Vegan' option. If you would like to order a Christmas Dinner for your child, please select the option via ParentPay. **All orders need to be made by Thursday 9th December.** This has to be paid for separately in advance rather than come from your child's usual lunch account.

There is also the opportunity to purchase a Christmas Dessert for an additional cost via ParentPay. There will be a choice of either Chocolate Coated Ice Cream Christmas Trees (allergen – Milk & Soya. May contain nuts) for £1.00 or Chocolate Fudge Yule Log (Allergen – Gluten, Egg, Milk & Wheat. May contain nuts) for £1.50. Pre-orders for dessert also need to be made by Thursday 9th December.

There will be a selection of baguettes, sandwiches, crisps, muffins and drinks available on the day for students who do not wish to take up the Christmas Dinner option. These can be purchased in the usual way by your child's 'Thumb' system and do not require pre-ordering.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, we will be writing separately to you about how to order a Christmas Dinner on this date.

Order
via
ParentPay

WGS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

FESTIVE THURSDAY - 16TH DECEMBER

The Restaurant staff will be making a boxed Christmas Dinner for staff and students to enjoy on Thursday 16th December for **£3.50**

There is a choice of either 'Meat' or 'Vegetarian/Vegan' Option ...

Roast Turkey & Stuffing (gluten, oats & wheat) or

Quorn Vegan Fillets (gluten, wheat)

Served with roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots, peas, sausage wrapped in bacon (sulphite) or vegan sausage (gluten, wheat, soya, sulphites) & gravy/vegetarian gravy all for **£3.50**

And a choice of dessert for an extra cost:

Chocolate Fudge Yule Log (gluten, egg, milk & wheat) **£1.50**

Chocolate coated Ice Cream Christmas Tree (milk, soya) **£1.00**

ORDER SOON

TO NOT MISS OUT!

Last date
to order
9th Dec



Continuing the Festive theme, tickets are selling fast for our two shorter Christmas concerts on Tuesday 14th December. Information about these went out in a letter last week and can be found on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Shadbolt".

Mr R Shadbolt
Headteacher