



Key Information for December

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family continue to be well. We are very much aware that the communication home this half term has seen an increase in letters to you regarding positive confirmed cases of COVID-19. As we start December I wanted to provide you with an update of the great things taking place in our school that encompasses our values driven ethos and demonstrates our culture during these challenging times.

Christmas Events:

- **December 7th onwards:** At George Spencer Academy we aim for our students to become adults who will make a difference in the community and the lives of others. With this as our goal we are exploring links with local care homes with the vision of creating long term pen pal links with residents there.
- **Friday 11th December:** is the national Christmas Jumper Day with money raised going to Save the Children. We will be joining in with this fund-raising event and will also be delivering a session in Form Time on Thursday 10th December to develop students' awareness of what the event represents and what their donation will support.
- **Thursday 17th December:** Christmas Fare will be served on both sites, with crackers and music for students and staff to have a festive lunch if they choose to. Payment will be made on the day via Squid and the lunch rota and timings will remain unchanged.

Parents Forum:

In the October Parent Bulletin, I wrote of our drive to maintain our close partnership with parents during a time when we are unable to have visitors on to our site due to the pandemic. Mr Hartley, our Assistant Principal for Ethos and Values, will be leading a virtual Parents Forum with the first one being on Monday 14th December from 4:30pm until 5:30pm. If you would like to take part in our first virtual Parents Forum please share your details following the link below and Mr Hartley will be in touch to share a further link to a Zoom Meeting. The agenda for the first meeting is:

1. Developing our Rewards Culture with a focus on embedding our 'Ethos of Excellence'
2. Building on our strong partnership with parents to maintain high standards of conduct for the students journey to and from school.

Link to register interest: <https://forms.gle/HBFJnwtB9ZasSfjZ6>

Wrap-around care:

We are continuing to embed our approach to developing the 'whole child' through our curriculum and wider school offer. With this in mind we have introduced a new team to our staffing structure who started working together at the beginning of this academic year. Our new Well-Being Team has been introduced to support students to overcome barriers linked to their emotional and mental well-being. The Well-Being Team work closely with the Pastoral Team (Directors of Learning and PSAs) and the Inclusion (SEND) team to triangulate support for students and to step in when more bespoke intervention is needed. Attached to this letter is a Who's Who for our Well-Being Team.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support and feedback. I know this has been truly appreciated by our staff and has positively contributed to the learning experience we are offering.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Corbett
Principal