



Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter contains some important information about end of term arrangements and the start of the New Year in January 2023.

Charity Morning/Last Day of Term: Wednesday, 21st December

This year we are raising money for Unicef and Herts for Refugees.

A wide range of fun events will be happening during the morning with students based in their tutor groups. Students are allowed to come in mufti on payment of £2 (£1 if wearing fancy dress).

School will finish at 12.10pm. Lunch will **not** be served. However, there will be substantial snacks available at break time for all students. The E901 bus has been re-arranged to collect students at 12.10pm. All other bus routes will be as their printed timetable.

Staff changes

We say goodbye to Miss Meeking, Director of Learning: Dance, Mrs. Cooper, Teacher of Music and Mrs. Turner, Pupil Premium Co-ordinator. I would like to thank them all for all their hard work at the school and wish them well for the future. We also welcome Gemma Lovett as our new Pupil Premium Co-ordinator.

Arrangements for the start of the New Year (2023)

Outdoor coats

We have a fantastic uniform and students look extremely smart when wearing it correctly; please ensure you are familiar with our uniform requirements which are listed on our school website. Outdoor coats must be plain dark grey, navy or black in colour, with no logos or fur trim hoods. Hats and scarfs must be plain red or black.

I would be most grateful if parents could ensure their children have correct uniform and leave for school dressed appropriately each morning.

Parking Reminder and no idling

We do not allow parents to drive onto the campus in order to drop off or pick up their children and operate a ten-minute rule in favour of pedestrians at the end of the school day. Please do not park or drop off students across the school entrances or on the zigzag lines in front of the school. When parking along The Ridgeway, I would ask you to respect people's property and not park across driveways. I have told neighbours who have complained about this to take car registration numbers and telephone the police. As part of our drive to be more eco-friendly, we are asking families not to sit in their cars with the engine running. Thank you for helping with this. Please encourage



your children to use the puffin crossing outside the school; crossing higher up on The Ridgeway, with so much parked traffic, is potentially very dangerous. Do also encourage your son or daughter, where possible, to walk or cycle to school. We have excellent facilities for cycles. If your child would like to cycle they should obtain a permission letter from Student Services.

Next Term's Events for your Diary:

6 th January:	School starts:	8.20am on site
10 th January:	Into the Sixth Evening:	6.00pm
16 th January:	Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation:	3.45pm – 7.15pm
19 th January:	Year 10 Information Evening:	6.30pm
23 rd January:	Battle of the Bands, SandPit Theatre:	6.30pm
31 st January:	Year 12 Parent Teacher Consultation:	3.45pm – 7.15pm
21 st February:	Senior Recital Evening, SandPit Theatre:	6.30pm
23 rd February:	Year 9 into 10 GCSE Options Evening:	6.30pm
27 th February:	Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultation:	3.45pm – 7.15pm
1 st March:	Year 10 Parents Information Evening:	6.30pm
2 nd March:	Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening:	6.30pm
7 th March:	Spanish Exchange Information Evening:	6.30pm
14 th March:	Year 11 Parents Information Evening:	6.30pm
16 th March:	Year 10 Parent Teacher Consultation:	3.45pm – 7.15pm
23 rd March:	Spring Music Concert, SandPit Theatre:	6.30pm
29 th March:	Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation:	3.45pm – 7.15pm
30 th March:	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Launch Event:	6.30pm

Finally, may I wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and thank you for your continued support of Sandringham School. I look forward to seeing everyone again on the first school day of the Spring term, Friday, 6th January 2023.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Gray
Headteacher

Enc. Attendance guidelines