

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are well.

### **End of term arrangements and start of new term**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – All students can wear a Christmas Jumper instead of a blazer/school jumper if they wish.

At present, our school trips on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021** will be going ahead as normal. We will write to you if we have any further amendments to these plans.

We will finish for the Christmas Break on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021** at 12pm. Students who are on free-school meals will be able to have lunch if they wish.

Due to the announcement from the Government regarding testing being required on the first day back, all students will return to NUSA on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

### **Covid testing**

The Government has requested that all secondary schools test pupils via lateral flow testing before their return to school after Christmas. As before, this will be done on a consent basis. If you wish for your child to take part in the lateral flow testing, please click the survey link to provide details for each child. Where you have more than one child at NUSA for whom you wish to provide consent, you will need to complete the form for each child. Please complete the form for each child by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Covid Testing Survey Link** <https://forms.office.com/r/aptLRFMKsQ>

Tests will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at NUSA. Your child's appointment time will be sent to you on the email you provide on the survey link above.

*Please note that we will only allow students to be tested, where the above form has been completed.*

### **Free School Meal Vouchers over Christmas Break**

For all of those that have previously applied and received free school meal vouchers during October 2021 half term, you will receive another voucher for Huggg, to cover the Christmas holiday period and will be sent to the same email address, you do not need to do anything else, relax. For those that are eligible, that did not apply or that have questions, please read the below.

## **Q&A**

### ***I received vouchers in October half term – should I still complete the form to receive them at Christmas?***

No, please do not apply again where you received vouchers in October half term, you will automatically receive them for the Christmas period. Reapplying will cause a delay in receiving your voucher(s) for Christmas.

### ***My child is eligible for Free School Meals, but I did not apply for them in October, how do I receive them for the Christmas period?***

Please click the link and complete the form:- <https://forms.office.com/r/ONqHESDAkS>

### ***If I need to complete the form, when must I do this by?***

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### ***What is the value of the vouchers?***

£15 per week per eligible child.

### ***I did not apply in October; can I receive my October voucher now?***

No, vouchers that were available for October half term have now expired. We only have vouchers now for Christmas 2021.

*When will I receive the vouchers?*

Vouchers will be issued before 3pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## **Holiday club**

Nottingham City Council will be running a holiday club over the Christmas holidays. Holiday Activity Clubs are to be held in venues across Nottingham. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. To book a place: [www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood](http://www.asklion.co.uk/funandfood)

Some places are available for pupils who aren't eligible for Free School Meals.

If you have any questions, do get in touch.

Take care,

Emma Howard

Head of School