



CAVENDISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Cavendish School – Important Information

Academic Review Meetings

Firstly, let me thank you for your engagement in our autumn term academic review week/day; it was far from our normal face to face teacher meetings - but I am extremely pleased to advise that it was hugely successful with over 90% of parents / carers engaging in our Zoom and telephone meetings. Going forward we will be offering zoom meetings as well as face to face meetings for our future academic review week/day.

Christmas Break

School breaks up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December 2020. As you are aware the government have relaxed the rules on families gathering over the Christmas break from 23rd to 27th December. For many of you this will give you the much needed opportunity to meet with loved ones you may not have seen for many months, and will offer a welcome reprieve from what has been a very challenging year for everyone.

As always, our students' safety and wellbeing are our highest priority. I'm acutely aware that the mental well-being of many of our students and indeed also their parents / carers, could be negatively affected by having Christmas plans cancelled due to a potential imposed period of self-isolation. Therefore, I have made the decision that should you wish to choose to have your child at home for week commencing 14th December for the reasons set out above, please inform me of this and we will note your child as self-isolating and therefore approve the absence.

Work will continue to be set via Google Classroom for all students in all year groups that are self-isolating and we would encourage your child to engage in the online lessons and access as much of the work that is stored in their portal.

These are unprecedented times and I hope this decision will help those families facing this difficult decision.

Essential Works - 4th - 8th January 2021 (School Closed)

In the summer we had to prioritise works being carried out as we couldn't have two sets of contractors in the school building at once; we prioritised the up grading of our computer network, to ensure that our teachers could be safe and remote learning achievable. This meant that the heating and plumbing works had to be put on hold until the autumn half term. However, due to our contractors having to self-isolate over this period works could not commence. We thought we could limp on until the Spring/Easter holidays but sadly this is not the case. I therefore, advise that I have taken the decision to open the school a week later than planned for the spring term. Staff and students return after the Christmas break on the **11th January 2021**. Work will be set on Google classrooms for this week and students who are unable to access this remote platform will be given work via their parents email or in a paper format. An email detailing teachers school mobiles will be issued week commencing 4th January 2021 should your child require support with the set learning tasks.

I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. I am sure you will understand that we cannot operate a school without heating, hot water and flushing toilets. I do not expect the works to over run, but should this be the case you will receive an email advising.



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Spring Term 2021

School will continue with the rota'd timetable for the first half of the spring term. The team and I were hoping that we could get back to a normal timetable but in light of there being no real change in the COVID19 pandemic this will not be possible. We will continue with our remote learning via Google Classrooms on the days that the students are not in school. Students self-isolating are required to join the Google Classrooms during their isolation period unless they become unwell and are unable to access.

The school however, will be **changing the start time of the school day**. The school day will return to a **9am start**. Reception will notify transport of this new start time. The end of the school day will remain unchanged.

Attached is your child's school timetable and remote learning timetable for the first half of the spring term.

The team and I sincerely hope that 2021 will see Cavendish get back to our normal routines.

If you require any assistance over the Christmas holidays please do not hesitate to contact either Debbie or myself.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

With my sincerest thanks and best regards,

Sara Craggs

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