



December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2020

Friday, 18 December will be a non-uniform day for students – there is no charge for this. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm and the school buses will be available at this earlier time. There will be no canteen service available but lunch “grab bags” can be ordered by contacting [office@sharplesschool.co.uk](mailto:office@sharplesschool.co.uk) by **Tuesday, 15 December 2020**. Lunch “grab bags” will be provided for all students entitled to Free School Meals.

The Autumn Term of 2020 has been challenging as Covid-19 continues to have a significant impact on all aspects of school life. However, since September, I have been continually impressed by the resilience of our staff and students and their determination to Learn, Dream and Achieve, in very difficult circumstances.

A priority this term has been to maintain the continuum of learning for all of our students. At times this has been problematic as so many have been affected directly or indirectly by Covid-19. However, we have continued to work on our distance learning model throughout the term and we are doing our very best to support students, both in school and at home.

Despite the current climate, we continue to offer a range of “bubbled” enrichment activities in school, with a good variety of Year 7 lunchtime clubs contributing to the Sharples Baccalaureate. We have also hosted a theatre production of “A Christmas Carol” and our students have participated in many other virtual events, for example, the Shakespeare in Schools Festival and several careers networking events.

As we move towards the start of the new term, I want to remind you that we have high standards in relation to appearance at Sharples and the full uniform policy can be accessed on the school website. To maintain our high standards, I would like to draw your attention to our policy on jewellery. No jewellery should be worn but, if ears are pierced, only one small, plain gold or silver coloured stud (no jewels) may be worn in each earlobe. For further details, please refer to our website – <http://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/policies/>.

As we are now in the midst of winter, with frequent inclement weather, it is important to note that your child will be outside at some points during the school day. For example, when they move between lessons via their designated learning bubble routes. It is, therefore, recommended that your child has a warm coat and an umbrella with them every day. Please also ensure that, unless they are exempt, your child has a face covering with them at all times.

On a final note, I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school ready for a prompt start to registration at **8.45am on Monday, 4 January 2021**.

Yours faithfully

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