

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Christmas updates

This first term seems to have flown by, and yet, we have all managed to get to the Christmas break without any major disruptions to learning. That said, the recent Government announcement regarding 'Plan B', comes into force upon our return in January. Therefore, I would like you to carefully read the bullet points below as an update:

- All students (*Except those with medical exemptions*) must wear the academy black face mask when around the academy and on the corridors.
- The Government has allowed students to return after the Christmas break on a '**phased return**' allowing each academy to test students on their first day back. Our schedule is as follows:
  - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – All **Year 7** students are to return as normal
  - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – All **Year 11** students are to return at 11am
  - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – All **Year 10** students to return at their normal time
  - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – All **Year 9** students are to return at 11am
  - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January – All **Year 8** students are to return at their normal time
- As one of the fastest growing secondary academies in North-East Lincolnshire, our site has become exceptionally busy during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. **Due to this rapid growth and on the grounds of health and safety, having taken advice from the Local Authority, parents will no longer be allowed to come onto site in their vehicles and drop their children off.** Instead, parents/carers are encouraged to drop off/pick up on the adjacent streets surrounding the academy. Parents/Carers who have children with specific difficulties may still be permitted to come onto site as normal but must contact the email below to state your child's name, with the known reason. These names will then be added to the list for the member of staff on gate duty each morning to let them through.  
[Admin@johnwhitgift.org.uk](mailto:Admin@johnwhitgift.org.uk)

May I now, on behalf of all staff and our Governors, wish you and your family a restful and safe break, and we look forward to welcoming back all our students in January.

Kind regards,



Mr R Spendlow  
Principal