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Dear Parent/Carer,

The first term is drawing to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as our Academy continues to make significant progress.

I am so proud of the achievements and efforts of so many of our pupils. Each week it is a delight to see the hard work of our pupils celebrated and it is most pleasing to see the growing number of pupils taking part in extra-curricular and character-building activities. I am also proud to report that as an Academy we have gained the coveted careers mark making us one of the only schools in the area to be recognised for our ambitious careers' education. Make sure you follow us on twitter and Facebook to keep up to date with all that goes on.

The Academy will close for the Christmas holiday at midday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils who are entitled to a Free School Meal can collect a packed lunch from the catering team. This day will be a non-uniform (mufti) day for staff and pupils. We encourage anything festive, or the colours red and green.

Staff return to the Academy on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to prepare for the term ahead and we will be working hard on our plans to further improve the Quality of Education and support at our Academy. To ensure a safe return for all our pupils, the Academy will have a staggered start to the Spring term. The plan for the first week is outlined below. There will be a mixture of live lessons and set tasks, delivered through Teams in the usual way, so pupils do not miss out on learning. Pupils must ensure they log on at the correct times and particularly, they must attend virtual tutor time so we can support them with any issues and pass on key messages. We will be sending a 'Home Learning' exercise book with each pupil when they leave for the Christmas holiday, so they have somewhere central to record their work. If you require your child to attend the on-site provision during the first week (from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>) please contact Sarah Lightbody on <u>slightbody@westonfavellacademy.org</u>.

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Date	Testing Plan		Pupils	Home Learning
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	No testing		Staff Training Day	n/a
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am-11.00am	Y10	Consenting Y10 pupils to arrive from 8.30am, test then go home or to the hall for exam prep	Y7-13
	12.30pm-3.00pm	Y12 and Y13	Consenting Y12 and Y13 pupils to arrive from 12.30pm, test then go home or to the study area	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan			Y10, 12 and 13 in lessons as normal	Y7, 8, 9 and 11
	8.30am-11.30am	Y11	Consenting Y11 pupils to arrive from 8.30am, test and go home or stay for intervention	
	12.30pm-3.00pm	Y9	Consenting Y9 pupils to arrive from 12.30pm, test and go home	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan			Y9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in lessons as normal	
	8.30am-11.30am	Y7	Consenting Y7 pupils to arrive from 8.30am, test and go home	Y7 and 8
	12.30pm-3.00pm	Y8	Consenting Y8 pupils to arrive from 12.30pm, test and go home	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Normal lessons for all pupils – 8.40am start			

A full return to normal lessons for all pupils is anticipated from 8:40am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils should arrive in good time and be ready to learn. Any pupil arriving after this time will be marked late and there will be a series of escalating consequences for persistent lateness or absence. Whilst we appreciate that children often wish to let school friends see their Christmas presents, especially mobile devices and smart watches, please could you remind your child of the Academy's policy which clearly states that such items should be left at home where possible, and under no circumstances should they be used during the school day as they distract from learning.

Finally, there have been several incidents recently where dangerous manoeuvres have taken place in the car park including parents driving out of the wrong gate. Please could I ask that you are considerate when on site and adhere to both the road markings and the speed limit. We will be trialling a left turn only out of the car park in the new year to ease the on-site congestion.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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