

Thursday 17th December 2020

Thank you and Happy Christmas!

Thanks to everyone for an extraordinary term. To staff and students for all their efforts and to parents for their support and communications. Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy break.

Covid-19 Update Reporting:

Please note that we now have an email address dedicated to Covid-19 reporting:

CovidReporting@montsaye.northants.sch.uk

If a student:

Develops symptoms between the end of school on 17th December and 4pm Saturday 19th December

And has confirmation of a positive test result on or at anytime before 23rd December

You must inform your child's school immediately

If a student:

Develops symptoms after 4pm on Saturday 19th December

And has confirmation of a positive test result

You do not need to inform your child's school

Please use this email to tell us of any new Covid-related absence or update information.

Prior to return to school on Monday 4th January, if you have had a confirmed case of Covid-19 over the holiday period which may have an impact on the school community, please contact the school on the morning of 4th January. If you are unsure about whether your child should attend school or not, please check with the school first.

We have been very impressed with parent communications regarding Covid-19, and thank you for keeping us well informed.

Have your circumstances changed? Are you now entitled to Free School Meals?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, you may be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support.
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessment by HM Revenue and Customs).
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit.

If a child resides in a local authority care home they will **not** qualify for free school meals. This is because government funding has already been allocated to fund their meals.

To apply for free school meals, please complete an online form which will give you an instant decision, please click here: [Apply for free school meals.](#)

To contact the free school meals team, the best and quickest way is to send an email to: freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk. They aim to respond in no longer than three working days.

For full information on free school meals, please follow the link: [Free school meal information](#) which will take you to the relevant website page of Children First Northamptonshire.

Holidays

With the exciting vaccine news, maybe some of you are starting to think about holidays for next year, but for parents of students in Years 11 and 13, please be aware that the 2021 external examination season has been extended beyond the usual window, and does not finish until 16 July 2021. So, please don't make any arrangements for before that date.

Sixth Form 2021

The deadline for applications to our Sixth Form is Thursday 11 February 2021.

Week Commencing 1 st February	Live Student Led Q&A
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If you have any questions about our sixth form and post-16 options, please contact Mrs McNish at: lmcnish@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.

Thank You...

...for all of your wonderful donations. We have collected so much food and so many little gifts for members of our community. It will make a real difference to many people's lives.

Week Commencing Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 4th January: academy re-opens at 8.30am.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14th January: Year 8 virtual parents evening. Further details to follow.



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