



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your support this term; it has been incredibly positive and we are so proud of progress made. Our focus on supporting the most vulnerable in our community has brought us to feel as one very aligned team. The impact of this is that over £1,300 was raised for Children in Need; over £500 was raised to provide hampers for families in need in Melton; our annual storehouse collection was a huge success, and 120 gifts and Christmas cards were delivered to the elderly, with the support of AgeUK. Thank you.

Finally, I am writing with a couple of reminders and information that will help us ease into the New Year at JFC.

Weduc

Over the next term, we will be transitioning from School Comms and Gateway to Weduc. Other schools in our trust have completed this transition successfully and we are looking forward to being able to communicate more easily with our community. If you would like to find out more about Weduc please take a look at this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjPN9YVCtAk> You will receive an email during the first few days of January regarding the signup and app download. If you have issues with this, please use our website contact form, selecting "general enquiry/other", and detail the issues you have had. We will come back to you as soon as possible.

We plan to run both systems alongside each other in the first few weeks and gradually move the functions over to Weduc. If you have any issues, please let us know and we can adjust the speed of transition if problems are experienced. To make the transition easier, we would recommend not putting too much money on student cards in January and February.

Data and information sharing

Many thanks to parents for completing our annual data audit. It is essential that we hold the most up to date information in school to be able to contact you in an emergency. From January, we will be completing an audit of long term health conditions for students in school to ensure we have the most up to date information and therefore can provide the best support possible to students in our care. As a reminder, we are able to administer first aid for injuries that occur whilst students are in school and we will contact you if this is the case. We are unable to treat pre-existing injuries sustained outside of school.

Punctuality

Tutor time is an essential aspect of our community. We are very proud of our tutor team and how they welcome our students into school every day, setting them up for their school day. Please be reminded that Tutor time starts at **8.40am** and we expect students to be on site at **8.35am**. Students will be given sanctions if they start to be late to tutor time, which will be monitored by Tutors and the Pastoral team. Please expect them to be in contact if your child is regularly late. (There will be no sanctions if students use school transport and it is late.)

Online Safety

Just a reminder that data tells us young people are at significantly increased risk for the negative impact of social media during holiday time. Children should be at least 13 to have a social media account and WhatsApp is advised for over 16s only. Please engage your child in conversation about the content they are accessing. We strongly advise that you monitor your child's mobile devices.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern about a young person during the holiday, please contact Leicestershire Social Care team (01163 050005) with your concerns or if you believe there is an immediate risk to a young person then call the police on 999.

Some individuals and families may struggle with poorer mental health at this time of year. Please use this link for help and support in Leicestershire <https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health/> or, whatever you are going through, you can call the Samaritans at any time on 116123.

Equipment and Uniform

A reminder that students should always bring a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and scientific calculator to school. Before January 9th, please ensure all uniform still fits so that students return appropriately dressed – this includes lanyards.

Transport Update

We have been notified by Galliford Try that the A606 between Burton Lazars and Melton Mowbray will be closed 6:00 January 8th 2024 and reopen at 23:59 January 28th 2024. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be available. Cyclists will need to dismount as they pass through the works. We understand this will cause some disruption to many of our families and school transport; particularly the S269 bus. Please see separate correspondence for the details of this. LCC will also be in contact with families affected by the closure and any changes to school transport. If you would like to find out more information it is available here [A606 Burton Road Diversion Route \(leicestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

I would like to wish all families a very happy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back into school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Stansfield
Executive Headteacher

