

Date: 6th December 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below the arrangements for the end of term.

Term ends on **Friday 15th December 2023** at the earlier time of **12.30**. Transport has been arranged to collect at this earlier time.

The first day back for pupils will be **Monday 8th January 2024**. Transport will restart on this date. Home tuition pupils' sessions will also begin the week beginning Monday 8th January. As you will hopefully be aware from the published INSET dates, the slightly later return after the Christmas break is due to two INSET days we have planned for statutory staff training on Thursday and Friday 4th and 5th January 2024.

Last week of term:

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 13th December 2023

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas themed fancy dress on Wednesday 13th December. Any creative Christmas adaptations to existing jumpers will be welcome. We welcome a small contribution of £1 for families that are able to support our Christmas collection. We will be donating any funds raised to Save the Children. We are also happy for pupils to wear other sensible Christmas outfits during the course of the final week of term, as long as they can still carry out their lessons safely. We just ask for parents to be mindful of costumes that may limit movement, or create any health and safety challenge!

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December 2023

We will also be celebrating our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December 2023. There is no cost to pupils for the Christmas lunch, but please feel free to donate any left-over Christmas decorations/crackers/serviettes that you might have left over from last year, so we can brighten up the lunch tables. We understand that some pupils may not want to eat with other pupils, but we would still like them to join us for this celebration if they are able to.

Challenging time

For some of our pupils we also understand that Christmas is not necessarily a time filled with happy memories and can cause some anxiety, worry and even trigger difficult past experiences. If you are aware that your child will find the period leading up to, and/or including the Christmas break difficult, please let us know so we can be mindful of their individual needs and ensure staff are aware. In addition, we have attached contact details of some help and advice available for pupils and families throughout the school break (Please see below).

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End of Term Trip

Some pupils will also have the chance to attend an end of term trip, such as for the pupils who have received the most positive points this term. Information and permissions regarding these arrangements will be sent separately.

The Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme

A final reminder that the HAF programme is running again during the winter holidays for children and young people in South Glos. Dates are generally between Monday 18 December and Friday 22 December but will vary by provider. The HAF programme is for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals . Please visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families. The link below will also provide more information on our website.
<https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Holiday-Activities-December-2023.pdf>

And finally...

From everyone at Team PLC we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and our very best wishes for a restful break and healthy and prosperous 2024!

Yours sincerely,



Louise Leader
Headteacher

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Information and guidance during the Christmas break 2023

Support services pupils and parents/carers can access during school closure.

- **In an absolute emergency - call 999**
- **General medical assistance; call NHS direct - 111**
- **South Glos Access and Response Teams (ART) - 01454 866000**

Monday - Friday (9am - 5pm) for any concerns regarding the risk of harm and/or safety of a child

- **ART - Out of hours (after 5pm) / and Weekends- 01454 615165.**

Please only use this out of hours number if you have any immediate concerns regarding the safety of a child.

- **Specific support for mental health can be accessed via;**
 - **AWP Mental Health 24/7 Response Line- 0800 953 1919**
 - **CAMHS Crisis Line 0800 953 9599.** Open 24/7 365 days a year. Immediate emotional and practical telephone support for young people aged 17 and under.
 - **KOOTH** – Mental health support for young people. Join at <https://www.kooth.com/>
 - **Or for more urgent support at** <https://www.kooth.com/urgent-support>
- **Other Help and Advice**
 - For other support and advice links, the PLC website contains useful advice and links to other agencies, including Early Help Support Services
 - 'Parent info' <https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/links-for-parents/>
 - 'Student info' - <https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/help-and-support/>
 - **Chat Health - Text 07312263093 Monday- Friday 9-5pm.** Term time and holidays. Confidential advice and support and to chat with a school nurse.

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