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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well. I wanted to write to give you an outline of the end of term and some arrangements for the start of the new one.

The Autumn Term will finish on the 22nd December at 12.45pm. That day will be a non-uniform day allowing us to collect some money to support the various year group charities, the suggested donation for everyone is £1 and will be collected by Form Tutors. The school bus will also leave at the earlier finish time on that day. Our Sixth Form students will be set some tasks to complete at home and will not be required to attend school on that day. Dr Ainsworth will be in touch separately in relation to this.

Thankfully, Covid infection rates have dropped considerably in school in recent weeks. Before the end of term, your son/daughter will be given another home LFD testing kit. Please ensure they continue to home test during the Christmas break and before returning to school in January. You may have recently heard that the government have also once again asked schools to conduct an on-site LFD test for everyone in school before the start of the new term. Consequently, the 6th January will be the testing day for all students in Years 10-13, other year groups will not be expected in school on that day. The 7th January will be the testing day for all students will not be expected in school on that day. Students are not expected to wear uniform on these days. All tests will take place in the sports hall and your child will then return home following the test. If you have consented to testing, Mrs Donbavand will be in touch before the holidays with the time slot your child should come to school. The new term will then start for everyone as normal on Monday, 10th January.

Your support with all of this and encouraging your children to wear masks in school is helping us enormously to keep the school relatively Covid free. Thank you for the active part you continue to play in all of this. The government have also asked us to encourage families to register the results of any home tests your child may take. This can be done at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result</u> and will help local and national health authorities track infection rates.

Also for your information, we have launched a consultation with the LA on reducing our Pupil Admission Number from September 2023 on our website. Full details can be found at: <u>http://www.range.sefton.sch.uk/admissions-2023-consultation/</u>

Our Christmas edition of the School Newsletter will be published at the end of term.

With very best wishes,

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Mr M. McGarry Headteacher