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Dear Parents

As we near the Christmas break, I am writing to thank you for all your support in helping to keep the students safe and in school this term, and to confirm the arrangements for the last week.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, our Christmas festivities have had to be stepped back this year. However, we have been able to continue collecting donations of non-perishable goods for the local food bank. Thank you for the donations you have sent in with your children.

During the week commencing 14 December we will be celebrating our students' successes this term in our virtual end of term assemblies in the mornings, awarding certificates for effort and attendance.

On Thursday 17 December, we will be serving Christmas lunch in place of our usual Thursday roast in each year group's allocated lunchtime. The cost of the meal will be £3 (excluding drinks) and there will be no additional charge for pupils in receipt of free school meals. Break will be served as normal but the only other option available from the canteen at lunchtime will be sandwiches.

On Friday 18 December we will open as normal but will be inviting pupils to make a donation of £1 for the local food bank and wear festive-themed non-uniform.

Finally, following the government announcement, I would like to confirm we will not be ending the term early. The term will finish on Friday 18 December at 3pm, following a festive hour with form tutors during period 5.

We hope you have a restful break and remain safe and well this Christmas. For your information, in order to continue to protect our students, staff and the wider community, we ask that should your child develop symptoms and receive a positive Covid test result between Saturday 19 December and Wednesday 23 December, that you please email us at head@smithdonhigh.org.uk to inform us, along with the best telephone number to contact you on so that we can implement our contact tracing procedures immediately should any staff or students need to isolate.

We look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 4 January 2021.

Yours sincerely

A. Gibbins

Mrs A Gibbins
Head of School

