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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: 'Positive choices and experiences' (November 2024)

I hope this letter finds you well as we move through this colder season. The rhythm of the seasons brings a constancy to the year. Every so often when the drizzle stops, you get a glimpse of how amazing and beautiful nature is. The photo attached is the view of our playing fields early in the morning with the mist rising over the fields and Kings Hill. As we have already experienced some snow, I wanted to share some important reminders with you.



### Weather, School Closures and Seasonal Celebrations

With the recent snowfall and colder temperatures, should the weather conditions make travel hazardous, we will communicate any school closure as early as possible through our website. Please also take extra care when dropping off and picking up your child, particularly avoiding parking in the no parking zones around the zebra crossing.

As the festive season approaches, our school will be embracing the spirit of Christmas and other seasonal events with a range of exciting activities for the children. This includes seasonal arts and crafts, winter-themed lessons and opportunities for students to contribute to charity drives and local community efforts. We are also looking forward to our Christmas Graduation Concert in the Cathedral, our production of Matilda Jnr, Sixth Form Open Evening and festive assemblies.

### School Trips and Clubs

In addition to the seasonal celebrations, we have been reflecting on the 48 school trips that over 1000 of our students took part in last year. They are such a great way to complement learning opportunities, and they give children an opportunity to engage with the world outside the classroom. I am always so grateful to the staff for giving up their own time to put on such a vast array of exciting and engaging opportunities to enhance the experience of our students. Information about these annual trips is on the website here, so you can see what is coming up in future [years and plan accordingly using this link](#).

### Punctuality drive

Over the past term we have been working with all students so they arrive to their lessons on time. 99.1% of our 1750 pupils are always in the right place, doing the right thing at the right time and are ready to learn. We have been teaching them how to 'move purposefully around site', 'respond positively to others' and 'arrive ready to learn' and so I want to express my gratitude for your continued support with this. As I often say, the partnership between school and home plays a key role in the success of our students, and I am always so thankful for your ongoing involvement as we work together to support your child/ren's growth and development.

Yours faithfully,

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