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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

First and foremost I want to wish every one of you a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

It has been a term filled with challenges and the uncertainty continues with the unprecedented rise in new infections locally. Nevertheless, the staff and pupils have risen to the challenge magnificently and the school, for the most part has remained open for all pupils.

There is much talk in the media about a staggered or delayed start for schools in January and conjecture about what will happen in the New Year. **We will be welcoming all children back to school on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> as planned.**

To help this happen, please continue to follow all the guidance as closely as you can. Most importantly, do not send your child back to school if they or anyone else in your home, has symptoms, or has tested positive for coronavirus.

### School Lunches

We will not be making any changes to the current arrangements. Cooked lunches will continue to be once a week for each year group and children will have packed lunches at all other times.

The menu for the first week back is:

Week 1
Burger in a Bun With Salad & Coleslaw
Quorn Burger in a Bun With Salad & Coleslaw
Sweetcorn Mixed Salad
Raspberry Ice Sponge Roll

### Packed Lunches and Nut Allergies

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. As all children are eating in class together, please make sure that your child's packed lunch does not contain nut-based products of any kind. Allergic reactions to nuts can have catastrophic consequences.

### **Newham Winter Activities**

Christmas can be a tough time for families, and feelings of isolation and sadness are common, particularly during a pandemic when financial and social difficulties can worsen. This can impact on children who might not be able to meet with family and friends due to current restrictions.

To support the community, the council has prepared a booklet which details their Winter Holiday Programme. There are a huge number of fun activities for families and children to join in with as well as links for supporting families who feel vulnerable or who are struggling during the holiday period.

Please follow the link below to access the booklet:

<https://brampton.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Winter-Activities.pdf>

### **Free School Meals Vouchers**

This is just a reminder to those families whose children are eligible for free school meals to download the vouchers that you should have received. Once you download the voucher, worth £30 per child, follow the instructions to redeem them for food at your chosen supermarket.

### **Battery Recycling**

As families may be using more batteries over this holiday period (in lights and toys etc.), we would like to remind parents that we have a recycling box for batteries in the main entrance. Please bring in your batteries for recycling in the New Year.

### **Teams**

Please do not try to contact staff over the holiday period. They will not be contactable until we return to school in January.

Finally, thank you for all your support during this term. Please take care and stay safe over the holiday period and we look forward to seeing all of you on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Mr Reid**  
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