

# Sponne School

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## RE: Sponne School Update

I hope that this letter finds you and all your families well. Since my last letter on Tuesday we have had no more reports of any positive cases amongst staff or students at school. This reflects the fall in the number of cases in our area and is probably a result of the second lockdown. As we have moved into tier 2 this week can we all continue, as a community, to work together to keep this infection rate low by ensuring that we maintain our social distance and avoid mixing with others. The good news is that it is likely that the vaccine will start being delivered before Christmas though I suspect that this may happen in the larger urban areas of Northamptonshire initially.

We have been very pleased to welcome Year 11 students back into school and I must congratulate them on the completion of their mock exams and the way they have engaged during their two weeks of remote learning. We now have all students present except for a few who are self-isolating in Years 10 and 13.

If you are parents/carers of Year 11 or 13 students you would have been interested in the announcements yesterday of new measures to support those doing GCSE and A-Level exams next summer. These are in addition to the reduced content and delayed start already in place and include more generous grading, advance notice of topics, exam aids such as formula sheets and contingency exams for those that miss any papers due to illness or self-isolation.

The end of term is fast approaching so advance notice that we will, as usual, finish early on the final day, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will maintain our staggered finishes so Year 7 will leave at 11.45 and then at 5 minute intervals till Year 11 leave at 12.05 pm. Buses will depart at 12.15 pm. We also have our Christmas jumper day next Friday and this can be worn in place of students' blazers with a £1 donation to Children in Need.

Can I finish by reminding you that students are not permitted to wear hoodies at school and also thank you for everything you have done to support the school and the learning of your children this term.

Yours sincerely

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