



# The Kingswinford School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

I would like to start by wishing you all the very best Christmas and New Year. In any school the Autumn term is long and challenging as the nights draw in and the temperature drops, but we look forward to the light in the darkness of winter that is the festive season. I do hope that you are all able to celebrate and enjoy time with family over the coming break.

I would also like to thank you all as parents for welcoming me into The Kingswinford School. It is never easy coming into a new role in an established school, particularly so as the Headteacher. There is always a lot of work to do and much that we need to change, improve and update - this is true in any school – and I thank you for your patience as I have been finding my way into the Kingswinford community. From next term, I hope you will start seeing some further improvements, as we change what needs to be changed, improve what needs to get better, whilst keeping the special character that The Kingswinford School has.

May I also thank you for your forbearance with the recent poor weather: for every Headteacher the arrival of snow presents a particular challenge – trying to predict not just the weather, but the impact it will have on traffic, transport, staff and student attendance. As a group of schools in this area, we work closely together and share decisions but, inevitably, we occasionally make mistakes. I am loath to lose a single day of education for any student, let alone three, but I know my staff are working hard to make up for lost time.

Before all of the students depart for Christmas I did just want one last opportunity to run through the programme for the end of this term and the start of next term. This term ends on Wednesday at 12.40 pm (although students are welcome to stay for lunch until 13.15 pm if they have pre-ordered food). Next term begins immediately after the New Year on the **2<sup>nd</sup> January at 10.40 am**. We must start slightly late on that first day back as there is limited opportunity for staff to get into the school site over the holiday period and we do need the additional time to ensure all preparations are made for the coming term.

So I will leave you with my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and I hope that you will keep an eye out for this term's Newsletter that will be sent out very shortly to summarise what we have achieved over the past term.

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald  
Headteacher

