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Dear Parents and Carers,

The presence of RAAC within areas of our school site has proved a challenging time for all of us but I am proud of the way the school community has responded and once again, thank you for your support with remote learning earlier in the term. The new temporary buildings are working well and in the New Year, I will be in a position to share with you the next steps for the school site as we move towards the full rebuild that will take place and create a modern, state of the art facility for the young people in the area.

This week, we are relaunching our House system with a series of assemblies and promoting our rewards system so students are clear on the opportunities open to them. We have rewarded almost 300 students with 100% attendance this term with a fast-track pass in the canteen this week and that opportunity will be open to all students next term, providing they have 100% attendance from January to the cut-off date. Our high standards and expectations around behaviour remain in place, and with that in mind, we are adjusting our lateness to lesson threshold from ten minutes to five minutes. This means that when we return to school in January, students who are late to any lesson by five minutes or more without a valid reason should expect a one-hour same day detention.

Term finishes for students at 12.20pm on Wednesday 20th December. As you may have seen on our Social Media platforms, we will be celebrating a festive jumper day on the final day of term, with all donations to be made via Parent Pay and being donated to Save the Children. Jumpers need to be worn with the normal school uniform and prizes will be awarded to both students and staff. Prior to this, school Christmas lunch will be served on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December and these details have been communicated home separately. Our 7 students take a trip to the pantomime on Friday 15th December when they visit Chelmsford to see Jack and the Beanstalk. With all the disruption at the start of term, it has been fantastic to give students these opportunities in school and this was reinforced by a brilliant Performing Arts student showcase last week.

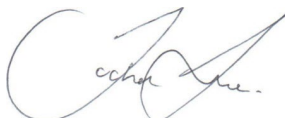
A reminder that our Edulink platform will cease to operate in the New Year, therefore if you have not already done so, please download the Class Charts app and use the guides on our website (<https://www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk/class-charts/>) to get up and running. Class Charts is an online system for all parents/carers and students at The Bromfords School to access a range of information including:

- Timetables & Classes
- Homework
- Merits and Demerits
- Detentions

The Spring Term starts for all students on Thursday, 4th January 2024 at 8.30am. **This will be Week 2 on students' timetables** and Ignis House will have the privilege of fast-track access to the canteen, providing they are wearing their school tie.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a restful and happy Christmas break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Jochen Tree
Headteacher