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Serving the needs of children with autism and related communication disorders in Warwickshire & the West Midlands

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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Holidays

This is just a reminder that School and College closes for Christmas at 12.30 on Tuesday 22nd December 2015. All Local Authority Transport providers have been notified of this.

We understand that due to travel times or sibling holidays, you may chose not to send your child into School, and if this is the case, authorised absence will be given. Can I just ask that you inform both School and Transport if this is the case.

The 6th January 2016 is a staff training day, and School and College reopen to pupils at 9.30 am on Thursday 7th January 2016.

YouTube Kids

I know that a lot of our pupils enjoy YouTube, especially for reinforcement. Unfortunately, there are sometimes links to videos that may not be age appropriate or suitable for viewing, and the comments linked to videos can also be inappropriate.

We have therefore installed YouTube Kids on all the tablets and ipads in School and would recommend that you consider using this at home.

This app is free and is available in both the iTunes store and Android store. The app allows parents to tailor their child's viewing on YouTube, but also cuts out inappropriate content or comments. It also allows parents to tailor their child's access by means such as restricting or removing the search function or setting up a built in timer to notify that when viewing time is up.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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