



Dagenham Park Church of England School  
Head of School: Chris Ash

December 2019

Dear Parent /Carer

### End of Term Arrangements

The last day of the Autumn Term will be **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Students will follow their normal timetable until 12.00pm and they will then be dismissed from school. **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** will be a mufti day, with students allowed to wear non school uniform for a payment of £1. The money collected will be donated to a charity chosen by our students. In addition, all confiscated items, which are not collected by the end of 19<sup>th</sup> December, will be donated to charity.

All students should return at the normal time of 8.30am on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

This has been a very successful first term and I would like to praise all our students for their efforts and hard work. Whilst academic achievement and progress are of course the cornerstone at Dagenham Park Church of England School, we also place great value in our students engaging in extra curriculum activities.

**Dagenham Park has updated its privacy notices regarding how we use your child's data. These can be viewed on the school website.**

Finally, for your child to achieve the highest grades possible, your engagement as parents/carers is vital and we are delighted to share our latest achievements with you on Facebook and our Website. Please can you update the school with any changes of phone numbers or people we should contact in an emergency situation.

Please see the reverse of this letter for our new reward system for pupils and a Christmas message and prayer.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support and may I wish you and your family a pleasant Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

C Ash  
Headteacher

As you may know the Believe, Grow, Succeed standards are the main reward system in the school and apply to students from Year 7 to Year 13.

### Reaching the Believe, Grow, Succeed Standards

Any member of staff can award a Believe, Grow or Succeed standard and a letter will be given to congratulate your child on the standard achieved.

Achieve Bronze, Silver, Gold by achieving the BGS standards below



A special BGS award of a school polo shirt is given if your child achieves all 9 standards. Instead of just having the school badge, the words Believe, Grow, Succeed will go alongside. This will be given to your child free of charge.

We already have several pupils who have achieved the Bronze standard and so far this year over 2000 standards have been awarded by our staff.

The student planner provides you and your child with a full description of the Believe, Grow, Succeed programme and we encourage you to support your child in reaching the personal goals set.

The Christmas story is one of hope. Hope of a new year, hope of a new start and hope of a new life through the birth of Jesus. The story is one that we can all relate to as we all have hopes and dreams. Jesus' birth provides us hope of a new life in Christ, one where we can be forgiven for our sins and saved from them if we repent.

This is much to celebrate and we should be thankful for the sacrifice that God made by sending his only, beloved son to save us from our sins. So let us at this time be thankful, remember the sacrifice God made and live in Jesus' image helping others and being kind.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

Thank you that your Son was born and gave his life for us so that we could be with you in paradise. We say sorry for times that we have let you down. Help us to remember the real story of Christmas and spread the message of your Son to everyone we meet.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Have a lovely Christmas and wonderful New Year.