



## Pastoral and Welfare Team Newsletter December 2024

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Pastoral and Welfare Team newsletter. In this newsletter we have pulled together some information to help keep our students and you as their families as safe as possible over the holiday period.

We recognize that Christmas time isn't always a happy time for all and therefore have included signposting to services for further support.

Whether you choose to celebrate Christmas or not, we hope that this holiday time is restful and safe.

The Pastoral & Welfare Team.

### Road Safety;

Following recent incidents in the Swindon area we want to encourage all of our students to make safe choices. You can support them by having open conversations around how they can ensure they are safe on and around the local roads.

Also for those using bicycles we would like to ensure they wear brightly colour clothing and helmets.

Here are some useful links for you and our students to use;

[THINK! – Road safety](#)

[Be bright be seen game – THINK!](#)



We have included some handy links of how you can access financial support or support for emergency food supplies, food surplus, community meals and Healthy Start Vitamins.

[Feeding Swindon Partnership Accessing Food in Swindon Leaflet – #BiteBackSwindon](#)

[Building a Fairer and Better Swindon](#)

[Christmas on a budget ☐. How to have a magical festive season... | by Lauren Feast | Nov, 2024 | We are Citizens Advice](#)

### Mental health;

Whilst for many Christmas is a time of celebration and happiness we are aware that there will be those that will find things more difficult. There are places available for support to help you and your young people over the Christmas break, please do make contact with these services if you or they are struggling during this time.

You will find various links to adult or children mental health support on our website.

### Helpful links;

- [Home - eotas Swindon](#)
- [Contact Swindon - The front door for the Council's children's social care services | Swindon Borough Council](#)

### Dates for next term;

Term 3 - 06/01/25—  
14/02/25

Inset Day - 31/01/25

Half-term break 17/02/25—  
21/02/25