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Date: 9th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

In light of the updated guidance from DFE yesterday we have taken the decision to amend the term dates for the Autumn and Spring Terms as follows;

- Thursday 17th December - school will close at 3pm to all students
- Friday 18th December - INSET day for staff (this will replace one of the INSET days published for June 2021)
- Monday 4th January - Return to school for all students (this replaces the previously published return date of the 6th January 2021)

Whilst we acknowledge that the late change of key dates may cause inconvenience for families, we are hoping that in doing this we will provide a clear 6 day window for all staff and students before the changes to Covid contact arrangements begin on the 23rd December. Our primary aim is to support a safe and healthy Christmas holiday for our whole school community.

The school will have a 6-day track and trace responsibility following the end of term on the 17th December. It is essential that parents make contact with the school should their child test positive for Covid 19 between the 18th and the 23rd of December when;

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Parents should contact school, if this applies to their child

Parents should not contact the school office but call **07471 769345** between 9 and 11am on these days.

If we receive a notification of a positive case during this time school will undertake track and trace and contact any students or staff who will need to isolate for up to 14 days by email and text. Whilst we hope that this will not be necessary it is essential that we support

Public Health England to prevent the spread of Covid 19 and keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

If where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If you have recently changed your telephone or email details, please contact the school office by the 11th December so that we can ensure we hold up to date information for all. School will liaise with TSS to ensure that any changes needed to school transport are in place for your child.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last term, it has been a very difficult time for everyone. The vast majority of our students have coped with the changing demands that the pandemic has brought us with tremendous spirit and resilience.

We wish you all a very happy, safe and restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2021.

Yours sincerely

Ms. G Bailey
Headteacher