

16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent /Carer

Following my letter last week I wanted to write again to mark the end of what has been a different and challenging autumn term for everyone. While Covid-19 has required us to change our normal operating practices, such that there has been a blend of remote learning as well as face-to-face with our teachers, I am extremely proud of our children for the way they have adapted and the commitment they have shown to their learning.

As mentioned previously, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December is now a non-pupil day/staff training day and therefore the last day of term for our children is tomorrow, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no members of staff on-site on Friday as staff training is being delivered remotely and as such there will be no wrap-around childcare provision available as our premises will be closed.

Despite Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> being the last day our children will be on site at school, please be aware that our obligations in respect of 'Track and Trace' will continue beyond this date. Should your child/children develop symptoms of Covid-19 within the 48hour period from 3.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, please notify your school so that the 'Track and Trace' process and procedure can be followed and close contacts notified. Individual schools will have made clear how to make contact should the need arise.

The end of this term feels like no other end of autumn term. We are trying to feel festive but our normal Christmas activities are significantly curtailed which I know is hugely disappointing. Hopefully next year we will be able to sing our carols and enjoy a nativity play in our accustomed way.

We will look forward to welcoming all our children back in January 2021 and hope that we return to a greater sense of 'normal' as we progress through the rest of the academic year.

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I close once again by wishing you a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas break.

Best wishes,



Rob Haring  
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