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Dear Parent/Carer,

We received further guidance from DFE last night and following this guidance, **the last day of school will now be Thursday 17th December 2020 and children will return to school on Monday 4th January 2021 and not Tuesday 5th January as originally planned.**

School have been asked to continue to carry out test and trace duties for 6 days after pupil's finish school for the Christmas break. We therefore ask that you inform us via the school email if your child displays symptoms within 48 hours of being in school with a further email informing us of a Covid test result. The school email will be checked once a day until Wednesday 23rd December. You do not need to contact us after this date.

A text will be sent to parents informing them if a positive case has been reported to school.

The DFE have stated:

'We recognise this communication has arrived with schools late in the term but would ask schools to be as helpful to parents as they can by sharing any changes to end of term arrangements as soon as possible.'

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Leona Kelly
Head teacher