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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: End of Term Date Change to 17th December 2020

As you may know schools and their staff have very much been part of the national track and trace effort. Public Health England have told us that we must continue in this role for six days after school closes for the holidays. This means that school staff would have been contact tracing and informing families right up to and including Christmas Eve, 24th December 2020.

Yesterday the Department for Education informed schools that they could change their term dates by moving their planned staff training days around within the year. Our school has done this meaning that we can only contact you regarding track and trace issues up to and including 23rd December 2020. It also means that the **last day of school is now Thursday 17th December 2020**.

Our planned training day on Monday 19th July 2021 will now become a normal school day. If you have any holidays already booked for that date then please let us know.

Whilst we appreciate the late notice of this change, we hope you can understand that we were only notified yesterday and believe that any action that can potentially reduce transmission at this time is a sensible one.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Pilling
Head of School