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Dear Parents



I hope that you and your families are staying well during this difficult period. I am writing with important information regarding our last week of term.

Due to high numbers of pupil absence in Year 11 and the high numbers of staff absence, Years 8, 10 and 11 will be educated at home for the whole of next week. Year 11 will also be educated at home tomorrow, **Friday 11 December 2020**. Further information will be sent to parents of Year 11 pupils regarding home learning. If staff absences do continue to rise it may be that we will ask another year group to work from home.

As you will be aware, we have had groups of children asked to self-isolate due to close contact with other infectious pupils in school. This process of track and trace will continue throughout the Christmas holidays. To be very clear, after Friday 11th December, if your child is required to isolate, it will include Christmas Day.

Contact with a positive case in school	End of isolation period
Thursday 10 th December	Thursday 24 th December
Friday 11 th December	Friday 25 th December
Monday 14 th December	Monday 28 th December
Tuesday 15 th December	Tuesday 29 th December
Wednesday 16 th December	Wednesday 30 th December
Thursday 17 th December	Thursday 31 st December
Friday 18 th December	Friday 1 st January

I am highlighting this to be sure you factor these possibilities in when you are making your Christmas plans. We will feel awful telling children they need to isolate over Christmas, but we will have to do this if cases do occur in school in the run up to the holiday. It is possible we will be informed about a positive case after we break up, so you may hear from us during the first week of the holiday.

We have large numbers of staff who are absent due to illness. This will have a knock on effect on our capacity to set high quality work for all classes. I could not ask teachers and Heads of Department to work any harder. Please be patient with us, we are trying our very best for your child.

Yours sincerely

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