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Dear Parents,

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You may have heard in the news an announcement that schools can close on Friday 18th December to allow for a six-day window regarding COVID to be complete before Christmas Eve. This announcement seems to have caused some confusion as this was not a generous offer by the DFE, as all schools would be required to work an additional day with pupils later in the year!

We will **not** be closing early but will remain open until Friday 18th December.

In order to make the arrangements over the holidays as clear as possible, we hope the diagram below will help.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT NORMAL TIMES ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2020

If your child shows any symptoms **within 48 hours** of school closing (before 3:30pm on 20th December) - you **MUST** contact the school by text to say that your child is symptomatic. Please state your child's name and class in the text and whether you are getting your child tested. School text number is 07786207779

When you get your result you **MUST** text the school to say whether it is positive or negative.

If the result is positive, school will contact all children and staff in the appropriate bubble and anyone who may have been in close contact. Public health may also be involved if the result is positive.

If your child shows any symptoms **after 48 hours** of school closing- school does not need to be contacted unless a test shows a positive result. Parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace

If your child does test positive but symptoms started after 3:30pm on 20th December (48 hours after school closed), your child must not return to school before the 14 days isolation ends.

In this case a text must be sent to school to say a text is positive and the date of the result.

It is vital that everyone follows these procedures fully, so that we can alert any one to the need to isolate and avoid contact with loved ones. Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Clarke
Headteacher



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