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Dear Parents,

Following the announcement on Tuesday from DFE regarding end of term arrangements and further advice from Durham Local Authority yesterday, **I wish to confirm that school will be closed on Friday 18th December and will re-open on Monday 4th January 2021.** Children's last day of this term will be Thursday 17th December.

DFE's suggestion of bringing forward the start of term in January by one day does not work for us. If we followed their advice, this would mean children and staff would be in school Friday 1st January – New Years' Day. Following Durham Local Authorities advice, instead of having a PD day on Monday 22nd February 2021, this will now become a teaching day – all children and staff will be in school.

I do apologise for any inconvenience this will cause you and your families but hope that you understand the reasons for the school closure.

Arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school **should not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

I would like to thank all families once again for your super support to my staff during the pandemic.

I wish every family a happy and healthy new year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Angela Rees

Head Teacher