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Dear Parents and Carers

Closure of the school on Friday 18th December

I am sure that you will know that the original plan for the school was to close at 1.30pm on the last day of the term in order to head off for the Christmas holidays. You may also know that we had planned our Christmas service at St John's church to take place that morning. For the reasons set out below the school will now close at the end of the day on Thursday 17th December.

As with many things, Covid is playing havoc with our plans. We are not able to gather together in order to celebrate the end of the year at the church, so we are moving this service online. This means that all parents and carers who wish to attend will be able to do so in a virtual fashion (and I will write in the near future to let you know how to access this service). The children will also access this service remotely; by closing the school to children on that day they will be able to attend the service together with you in order to have a wonderful shared experience to finish off 2020.

The other pressing reason to close the school on that day is to ensure that we can undertake a deep clean before the school building is fully closed for the Christmas break. I am sure that you will understand the need for us to do this, to remove any traces of virus and to be prepared for our return on Tuesday 5th January as planned. A literal and metaphorical cleansing of 2020!

To be absolutely clear, the last day at school will be Thursday 17th December. The Christmas church service will take place virtually at 10.00am on Friday 18th December – everyone is welcome! I trust that you will understand our reasoning for this change in plans. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this matter.

With best wishes

Simon Wattam
Head Teacher