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The final week of term

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the final week of term, I am writing with a few key reminders and messages.

We have planned a range of festive activities this week, all with Covid-safety in mind. Our endof-year assembly is recorded and will be broadcast in tutor rooms on Friday. House matches will take place throughout the week, Christmas Jumper Day is on Wednesday, we are decorating the Hall and Quad, and our catering team are providing a range of Christmas themed meals and snacks throughout the week. All of this will be delivered in line with our established systems of control.

You will no doubt be aware that the isolation period for those who come into contact with someone testing positive has been reduced **from 14 to 10 days**. It is good that students will be away from school for less time. However, I would ask that that you do not allow your child back to school at the end of this period if they show any signs of the virus.

After today, any of us identified as a close contact will be asked to isolate for a period that includes Christmas Day. Schools have been asked to continue to trace contacts of anyone testing positive and to ask them to isolate. I hope this will not be necessary, but please understand that we are doing this on behalf of government and in order to stop the spread of the disease.

It is incumbent on us all to be extra-vigilant in the run-up to Christmas. If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, please keep them off school and get them tested.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If in doubt, please keep your child at home and report them to us as unwell.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

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