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Dear parents and carers,

I thought it was important to write to you following this week's Government's announcement in relation to Friday 18th December.

On 8th December schools were notified by the Department for Education in an unexpected communication that they could consider moving around staff training time in order to take a training day on 18th December and swap it with one later in the academic year.

Having considered this matter fully as a Trust, we have decided to leave our term-dates in place as previously circulated. All STAR MAT Trust schools will therefore remain fully open on Friday 18th December 2020 as originally planned. Whilst the principle of allowing for some staff training time, or in the words of the DfE 'to ensure that staff get the time off they need and deserve' might be sound, there is simply not enough notice time to re-arrange staff training and for parents/carers we feel the notice period for school closure is unacceptable.

Next week is an important, school week, with many subjects running end of term assessments or completing a unit of work. We will also be running a Christmas themed menu on Thursday, a special Super Six competition and on Friday 18th December students will be able to attend school in non-uniform (dig out those Christmas jumpers and reindeer headpieces!). School will close to students at 12.00 p.m. with a staggered end to the day and school buses running. School will reopen to students on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

This was of course a challenging decision to make on balance, but one we hope that our Trust community respects we have made with the right intentions.

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher