

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

11 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re. Change to End of Term Date**

On Tuesday the government changed its guidance to schools with regard to the end of term allowing schools to close a day early. As a result, we have changed our finishing date this term.

Schools have been told that we have to remain open for track and trace for six days after the last day of teaching. If we remained open next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, it would mean I may need to contact you on Christmas Eve evening (24<sup>th</sup> Dec) to inform you your child needs to self-isolate. Additionally, on Christmas Eve we would not have the full support of the public health team that we may need if the case is complex. These factors meant that remaining open on the 18<sup>th</sup> December would make it both impractical for families making Christmas plans and also potentially unsafe without the support we may need.

Therefore, I have made the decision to close to students at 3.10pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December in line with government guidance. Staff will continue to work on 18<sup>th</sup> but there will be no staff-student contact and no student-student contact. Work will be set on Microsoft Teams for the three lessons we would have been open for to ensure that our students do not miss a further day of education. I am sorry for the late notice of this, but the change of guidance was made by government earlier this week and I have been in frequent contact with the Local Authority, local Head Teachers and our Chair of Governors to ensure that I was fully informed before making the decision.

We will reopen as planned on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for all year groups as normal.

#### **Testing positive during the holiday:**

If your child tests positive before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020, please ensure you email [covid19@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk) as soon as possible so that we can inform any close contacts your child may have had in school. We will be checking this email until 10.00am every day so that our staff get a chance to enjoy their break with their families.

Kind regards



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