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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Change to End of Term Arrangements

Yesterday, the Government announced that where possible, schools should make Friday 18 December a non-teaching day to allow for a reasonable period of six-days following the end of term for schools to conduct contact tracing requirements.

In the announcement, the following arrangements for positive cases in the holidays were given:

- 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 while in school.
- 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.

Since the announcement, the Consilium Trust, which we are part of, has engaged with its Headteachers and Directors of Education collectively to consider the most appropriate response for our schools. On the basis of these discussions, we have agreed that **all schools will close at the end of school day, 3.00 pm, on Thursday 17 December**, which will continue to be a full teaching day. It is imperative that your child continues to attend school up to and including this date, unless they are self-isolating or have COVID-19 symptoms.

This decision has not been taken lightly and we know the short time-scales of making adjustments for this is not ideal, but we hope you understand why this decision has been made. We want to put your child and our staff in the best possible position for this festive break, align with Government guidance, and ensure we are all safe to return in January.

Please be reassured that any teaching lost on Friday 18 December will be replaced before the end of the 2020 – 2021 academic year. If you have any questions or queries with regards to this change to the end of term arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact Wyvern Academy.

Yours sincerely



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