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Others, Respect our School,
Love God

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Dear Parents/Carers

School closure

I am writing to inform you that there will be a change to the date for the last day of this term.

We will be closing to pupils on **Thursday 17th December 2020 at the normal staggered times**. This is in line with what we have been advised to do by the Government yesterday.

Nick Gibb, the Minister of State for Education when speaking to the education select committee, said: "We are about to announce that INSET days can be used on Friday December 18, even if an INSET day had not been originally scheduled for that day."

"We want there to be a clear six days so that, by the time we reach Christmas Eve, staff can have a proper break without having to engage in the track and trace."

My Governors and I have taken the decision to follow Government advice to close early, to allow the school to be thoroughly cleaned in addition to the usual cleaning at the end of term and for staff wellbeing. Friday the 18th December will be a training day for teachers preparing the Remote Learning, with no pupils in school.

Many thanks Parents/Carers in advance for your support with this and for all that you have done in this unpredictable situation which hopefully will continue for not much longer.

Further news will come out soon about the Remote Learning.

Best wishes

M Jones
Headteacher

