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Dear Parents Carers,

School Closure: Friday 18th December

As you will no doubt be aware, this week the government made an announcement suggesting that schools should close to children **at the end of the day** on Thursday 17th December. **This means that Cophthorne will be closed on Friday, 18th December.**

The reason for the government's decision is to reduce the time that pupils will be in contact with each other by one day and, as a result, reduce the period of contact tracing that schools are required to undertake during the holidays.

In view of this, and in line with all Exceed schools, the term will end on **Thursday 17th December** and school will be closed to pupils on Friday 18th December.

We apologise for the short notice regarding this decision, but all schools were only notified on Tuesday this week.

For the first 6 days of the holiday (up to and including Wednesday December 23rd), it is essential that you inform the school if your child develops a confirmed case of COVID 19. This should be done by email on: support@cophthorneacademy.co.uk

Please include:

- Name of the child
- Class or year group
- Symptoms and date they started
- Date of positive test

It is vital that you inform us so that we can trace others with whom your child has been in close contact. Complete confidentiality will be maintained.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the school community.

I hope we're all able to enjoy the festive period as best we can within the current circumstances.

Yours faithfully

Stephanie Ngenda
Head of School



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