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Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term 18th December 2020

You may have heard that the Government is allowing schools to close a day early for the Christmas holidays. Schools in Excalibur Academies Trust, along with many other schools across the country, will not be closing early, however, and I confirm that **the last day of term will be Friday 18th December as originally planned.**

We have decided to keep to our original date for the end of term as this announcement has come very late and we know that it will be difficult for many parents to change their arrangements at such short notice. It is also a requirement that if schools close to pupils on the 18th December, it will have to be taken as an Inset day for staff, causing more disruption to our published dates and to our carefully planned staff training programme.

It has been a very challenging year for everyone, and I know that you will be looking forward to time spent with your families over the festive break. Thank you for your continued support of your child's school as we look forward to what we hope will be a much happier and safer 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicky Edmondson'.

Nicky Edmondson
CEO Excalibur Academies Trust