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## Important Covid Update Early Closure

Dear Parent / Carers

As you are aware the school has been managing a high number of cases over the last 2 weeks, and in the last 3 days the number of positives cases have risen again significantly and attendance significantly declined. External data is alarming and at present the government is making changes on a daily basis.

The aim was to remain open until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, but today the decision has been made with consultation of the school's Governing Body to **close tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at normal time.**

Local schools have made the same decision and we want to ensure rates do not rise further in our school and ensure that staff, pupils and families are safe at this unknown time.

I am very sorry this is short notice and appreciate this may cause some difficulties on Monday and Tuesday morning, but this is not a decision I wish to be making over the weekend and contacting you on Sunday evening.

Thank you for your support this term and it is very sad and unfortunate that we are in this position again.

I hope you all have a good and safe Christmas with your families. I will communicate with you all before terms starts to update you after the Christmas period and any new Covid restrictions.

Kind regards

Mr N Richardson  
Head Teacher



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## **Please read the information below sent from HCC yesterday regarding Hertfordshire's message related to keeping safe over Christmas.**

### **Information from HCC**

As we head into the festive season, we'd like to say thank you for continuing to play your part in the fight against COVID-19 and helping to keep yourselves and others safe.

We are all looking forward to spending time with friends and family this year, there are simple steps you can take to help make this festive period as safe as possible and reduce the risk of you and your family catching and spreading COVID-19:

- **Get vaccinated** - Vaccination continues to offer the best protection for ourselves and others around us from becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. You can also now get your booster three months after your second dose, to book this and any COVID-19 vaccinations, visit: [www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination) Young people aged 12-17 yet to receive their COVID-19 vaccination(s) can find out more and book at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>
- **Test regularly** – 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't display symptoms. Regular rapid testing at home can help to prevent transmission. Find out all the ways to get home test kits (LFD tests) at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest) From 14 December, all adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 by NHS Test and Trace – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.
- **Stay at home** – if you have symptoms stay at home and book or order a PCR test online at: [www.nhs.uk/get-tested](http://www.nhs.uk/get-tested) If you test positive you must self-isolate for the required period and not have people visit you at home. There is support available to help people who need it to self-isolate, call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit [www.hertshelp.net](http://www.hertshelp.net)

Finally, please don't send children back to school in January if they have symptoms. Hertfordshire's childcare, nurseries, schools and colleges are working so hard to keep our communities safe and reduce disruption to children's learning and development so let's all work together to help them and each other.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe festive season.

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