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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are all aware school have been supporting the government this term with their contact tracing and we have called you, rather than someone from test and trace, if your child has had to self-isolate as a result of being in close contact of someone who has tested positive.

You may have heard in the news yesterday that the Department for Education has informed schools of their expectation that schools continue to do this contact tracing for 6 days after we close for Christmas. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for staff in school to trace and contact the relevant families.

Therefore, for staff not to have to be on duty and work on Christmas Eve, they have suggested schools use an INSET day, effectively making Friday 18 December a non-teaching day for staff training. School will finish on **Thursday 17 December**:

- **Years 9, 10 & Post 16 will now finish at 2.20pm and**
- **Years 7, 8 and 11 will finish at 2.30pm.**

We recognise this is short notice, but schools were only informed yesterday. Thursday 17 December will still be [Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day](#) for students.

We have put arrangements in place to deal with any positive coronavirus cases in the first 6 days after teaching ends and ask that you **contact school up to Wednesday 23 December, if your child tests positive**. Please contact us via the following email: attendance@bulwellacademy.org.uk

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support in what has been and continues to be a very difficult time for all of us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Strong'.

Mrs M Strong
Principal