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December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Arrangements for the end of term and Christmas holidays.**

I would like to thank all members of our school community for their support throughout this term.

I am very proud of the determination and resilience shown by both students and staff in delivering outstanding teaching and learning in many new and innovative ways. This has been possible because of the unswerving support of parents, carers and the wider school community and I am grateful that our school is part of such a positive and supportive community. A flavour of some of this term's events is illustrated in the autumn term edition of Vale Views which can be found on our website here [Vale Views Magazine | The Vale Academy](#).

I would like to update you on our arrangements for the end of term and the school holidays. As previously published, the academy closes for the Christmas holidays on **Thursday 17 December** and will re- open for the new term on **Monday 04 January 2021**.

In the event that your child receives a positive Covid test result in the period 18 -23 December 2020, we need to ask you to contact us. To make this process as easy as possible while schools are closed, we have added a form to the school website, **which can be accessed by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page with your phone, or by clicking this link** [COVID Notification Form | The Vale Academy](#) This will allow you to **submit details of a positive test received between 18 and 23 December** and allow us to take the necessary actions, as laid down by the Department for Education. However, **if your child receives a positive test result after 23 December, you can inform us on the first day of the new term**, using normal attendance procedures.

I hope that you and your family enjoy a peaceful and restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming your children back to the academy in 2021. In the meantime, stay safe.

With best wishes



**Nicola Williams**  
**Associate Executive Principal**

