



**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

11 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers.

Earlier this week the Department for Education provided updated guidance regarding the end of term and as a result we are writing to inform you that the last day in school for your child/ren will be Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

In line with the DfE guidance, school will be closed on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and home learning resources will be provided for your child/ren on that day as there is insufficient time to arrange an INSET day, where staff would normally receive training and students would be off.

We do appreciate that this is short notice and may cause inconvenience but we are acting on DfE guidance that was released on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The reason for the closure on December 18<sup>th</sup> is to allow staff, who have been working incredibly hard during evenings and weekends to trace close contacts of positive COVID cases, a clear break over the Christmas period.

Your child's class teacher will be in touch via Class Dojo to outline the learning for the day. They will also be given some resources next week to bring home which will support their learning.

School will reopen for all pupils on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in what continues to be a challenging time for all of us.

Yours sincerely

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