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Dear parent / carer

We have, finally, reached the end of the Autumn Term and I trust you are all looking forward to spending the holiday period and its associated festivities with families and friends.

I want to thank you for your understanding and support through what has been a challenging term. Just as we thought we were seeing 'light at the end of the COVID tunnel', we now face new challenges from the omicron variant.

Unfortunately, the data regarding the number of daily infections that the Government is now sharing, is suggesting an uncertain start to the Spring Term. It is still too soon to know for sure when the Spring Term will start. In the meantime, expect the return to school to be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please follow the guidance already issued by your school. In our secondary schools this will include on-site LFD testing.

If national guidance changes we will contact you via our normal electronic communication channels, including our websites.

We would ask all families to follow the Government's advice around the vaccination programme and on-going LFD testing at home.

I close by again thanking you for your support, and wishing you a safe and happy festive break.

Best wishes



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