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Dear Parents and Carers

As we head into the festive break, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to highlight all you have done this year to support your children, schools and our communities.

It has been a challenging time for all of us, and when we look back to where we were ten months ago it is hard to believe what we have all had to deal with.

You have had to become teachers yourselves and adapted your lives to help the fight against the pandemic. You have supported those in our schools; headteachers, teachers and support staff to be able to do their jobs – to care for and teach your children.

I hope you agree that as we continue to experience the effects of the pandemic, the learning, routine and social interaction your children get from attending school is vitally important for their health, social, mental and physical wellbeing.

All of our schools have worked tirelessly to ensure your children are kept safe, and my thanks is also extended to them at this time.

I am sure you are all looking forward to enjoying the Christmas break with your children and families in line with new government guidance, but it is important to remember that we are not out of the woods yet, and we must continue to do all we can to protect ourselves and others from the virus.

We would all like to forget for just a moment what we are dealing with, but by continuing to follow government guidance, we will hopefully begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel as we head into the new year.

I want to thank you for continuing to support your schools as you have, by following the measures they have put in place to protect you, your children and staff.

Thank you,

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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