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Dear Parent/Carer

The School will close to students for the Christmas holiday at 12:00 on Friday 18 December. The day will be as follows:

REGISTRATION	NORMAL STAGGERED START	
LESSON 1	09:00 - 09:50	
LESSON 2	09:50 - 10:40	
POST 16 DISMISSED AT 10:40		
BRUNCH	10:25	Year 7 - Canteen
	10:40	Year 8 - Canteen
	10:55	Year 9 - Canteen
	10:40	Year 11 - Quadrangle
	-----	Year 10 - Self-isolating
TUTOR TIME AND ASSEMBLY	11:10 - 12:00	
DISMISSED AT 12:00		
RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 05 JANUARY 2021 [NORMAL STAGGERED START]		

We would urge all families to follow the Government advice when arranging to meet up with wider family. Although we are all looking forward to this mixing across households, COVID-19 is in our community and will spread faster in a more relaxed environment.

It will remain important that you inform the School if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 over the holiday period, on the following number 07544 836364. Please inform us without delay, so that we can track and trace others in our community who may be affected.

So much of what we would consider to be normal at Christmas is not possible. With that in mind, can we ask you to support the School's COVID-19 secure environment, by encouraging our children to:

- **NOT** exchange Christmas cards or presents in School
- refrain from bringing in food into School to share
- avoid meeting up in the holidays
- maintain their distance, sanitise hands and wear masks wherever possible.

The behaviours students and their families adopt during the holidays will have consequences for all our loved ones. We are all dependent on each other for our good health in January.

The School hopes to raise over £1,000 to contribute towards a local food bank, providing support to members of our community who need it most. Students will be allowed to wear a **Christmas jumper/mufti on Tuesday 15 December**. Students should make a donation of £1 to support this charity.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for the support they have shown the School during these challenging times.

On behalf of the Governors and Staff at Heston Community School I wish you a safe and restful break.

Yours faithfully

M O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher

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