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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following clarification in a letter from the Minister for Education, Peter Weir yesterday, schools will not be told to take an extended Christmas holiday.

This Friday the hospitality industry and shops are due to again open their doors and the public will be out and about trying to get ready for Christmas. There will be a higher risk of infection and it is inevitable that the 'R' number will rise next week. We are on the approach to Christmas, when we all want to spend time with family so we need to be extra vigilant. We have discussed this at Senior Leadership in the school and in light of this situation we have made the decision to close the school for the **Christmas holidays on Friday 18 December at 12 noon**. There will be no school bus or dinners provided on this day. This will mean that the school will finish for the summer holidays on Monday 28 June and not Thursday 24, as originally planned. School reopens in January on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

We are 'business as usual' up until our Christmas break, however, we understand that some parents will choose to keep their children at home from this Friday up until Christmas. From next Monday 14 December, there will be no homework (excepting the P7 transfer children).

We would ask you to be extra vigilant regarding social activities that children engage in, in the run up to and throughout the holiday period. You should only allow your child to play with children within your social bubble. If you are following PHA guidance, you should not allow your child to go on sleepovers to other friends' houses. We want all of our Deanby community to stay safe.

If any of our families need help in the run up to Christmas, please lift the phone, drop us an email or contact us on Facebook. We are more than just a school and if you are in need, then we are here to help you. Please remember – Hands, Face, Space!

Yours sincerely,

Emer Hughes