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9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Change to end of term finish date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

You may be aware that yesterday, in order to aid track and trace over the Christmas break, the government advised schools to close a day early and to use Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as a training day. They have also instructed that as a consequence of closing early, no teaching time over the year should be lost.

St Gabriel's has therefore made the decision to close school a day early making Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 the last day of teaching. The finish time shall remain the same as other days: Reception at 3pm, Year 1 & Year 3 at 3.10pm, Year 2 & Year 4 at 3.20, and Years 5 & 6 at 3.30pm.

These are exceptional times and if it were possible, we would have advised parents with much more notice. We understand and can only apologise that this may cause inconvenience to some families.

We want to assure parents that no teaching time will be lost as we will replace an INSET day with a teaching day later in the year.

Further to Monday's newsletter, it is very important that you notify school in the first week of the holidays if your child tests positive for Covid 19. Emails and the answer phone will be checked twice a day up until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. If a bubble/class is required to isolate we will notify parents by both text and email as soon as we find out.

Many thanks

Miss Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher

Mr Michael Beckett  
Chair of Governors

