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I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

Philippians 4: 13

Every voice heard, every day a new chance, everyone exploring opportunities

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you would have heard on the news last night the Department for Education issued a statement last night allowing schools to use one of their INSET days (Training Days) on Friday 18th December to allow schools to finish on the 17th December.

This is because school staff have to remain on call for the first 6 days after teaching ends in case a pupil or staff member tests positive, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school so we can identify close contacts and advise them to self-isolate. This would give a cutoff date of the 23rd December, rather than 24th December if finishing on Friday 18th December.

At St Nicholas, we have however decided **NOT** to take this offer and instead school will finish on Friday 18th December at 1:30pm as normal.

I will write to you with further details of the Test and Trace contact arrangements for this 6-day period very shortly.

Your sincerely

Jill Watson
Headteacher

