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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a year like no other, which I will finish with a simple message of thanks.

However, I am sure you are aware of a further announcement by the government earlier this week, about mass coronavirus testing in schools, from January 2021.

The lateral flow tests will be deployed to all secondary schools from January 2021, to enable us to test staff on a weekly basis. We will also be able to test those that have come into close proximity contact with someone that has tested positive, enabling more students the opportunity to remain in school, rather than self-isolate for a period of 10 days.

We will communicate further detail about our plans when we return in January 2021. However, I am sharing the following links that provide additional information, which I hope you find useful.

## **DfE announcement**

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/secondary-schools-and-colleges-to-get-weekly-coronavirus-testing

**DfE - Frequently Asked Questions.** 

https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/12/15/mass-testing-in-schools-your-questions-answered/

The final total for our Christmas Hamper fund was £1871. Thank you to everyone that contributed either financially, or by contributing specific items for the hampers. Your generosity once again reflects the strength, care and kindness of our community.

As we reach the end of a very long term, I have never been prouder of our school. Throughout these challenging times the students have responded with maturity and responsibility. Parents and Carers have shown patience and understanding, as we have tried to navigate changing policy and practice and staff have gone above and beyond to ensure students have continued to access their learning and make progress in their studies.























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Time now for a rest! Wishing you all a safe and peaceful holiday. Happy Christmas.

Best wishes

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