



# HAILEY HALL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am sure you are aware of the impact the new Covid-19 variant, Omicron, is having on the country. Yesterday, the government announced 79,000 new Covid-19 cases, the highest in one day since the Pandemic started.

Over the last week, Covid-19 has begun to have a significant impact on schools across the county, with some again needing to send whole year groups home and even needing to close all together. We as a school are currently in a relatively good position, which I have put down to stringent control measures we have in place, together with your support and testing of your son at home. However, despite our best efforts, we do still have some members of our community positive with Covid-19.

From experience and previously being in this situation leading up to Christmas, I strongly feel it is just a matter of time before we really start to experience the full force of Covid-19 again. In addition, especially with the highly transmissible Omicron variant, I know the situation can change within hours.

With all of this in mind and in an additional attempt to ensure Covid-19 has as least impact as possible on all our Christmases, with support from the Local Authority, I have decided to start the Christmas Holidays earlier. Instead of school finishing at 1.00pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, we will now finish at 3.00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. As a result, we will need to postpone the rewards trips that were due to happen on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December, to a later date when we return after Christmas.

I apologise in advance of the disruption this may cause you and the late nature of this decision; however I am sure you can appreciate that the situation is evolving rapidly.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Warm regards

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