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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of what has been an incredibly challenging term, I want to thank you for your incredible support and understanding. We are working our way through a one-off global pandemic and having to do things differently, often at short notice. Thank you for your valuable support, which has been a major factor in helping students and staff to make school as 'normal' as we possibly can.

We decided, as a school, not to close for the last day of term. We felt that it was important for everyone concerned to carry on with our plans. It would have been unfair for parents and carers to have to make additional plans for an early closure to the school year. Our students have enjoyed their Christmas activities and Christmas lunches, it has been wonderful to see so many happy faces after such a demanding year.

I want to publicly thank all of the staff connected with Maplewell, who have continued to go 'above and beyond' on a daily basis to support your children. Their professionalism and resilience has been phenomenal. It would be hard to find such a dedicated and hard-working staff, who have helped to keep our school open and made learning safe and captivating at the same time.

Next term we intend to refocus on our core function in helping our students to learn. We will continue to meet challenges of Covid 19 'head on', but it will not deter us from providing education of the highest quality at Maplewell.

We will be sending out further communications, following the government's advice regarding testing in secondary schools. This will include consent forms and further explanations about the testing process. I want to assure you that we will be ready to implement the government's strategy at Maplewell.



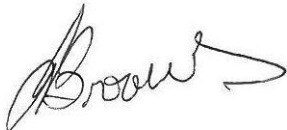
As we enter the Christmas holiday period, we obviously must remain incredibly vigilant as far as COVID 19 is concerned. You will be able to contact Mr Cooper, (robcooper@maplewell.leics.sch.uk), until 2:30pm on 24th December 2020, if there are any positive tests for students or staff. After that point please inform us on via telephone on 4th January 2021.

We will need;

- Your child's name
- Their date of birth
- The date on which they first showed symptoms and the date on which they tested positive

Finally, I hope that you find time to relax and enjoy some quality time with your close family. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on **5th January 2021**. Stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Brooks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason Brooks
Headteacher