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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Holiday Homework

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during this challenging term. It has been an unprecedented period for the school, full of obstacles that have been hugely difficult to deal with.

We are really proud of the pupils. They have attended in exceptionally high numbers and have continued to thrive at school. In comparison to schools nationally and locally, the attendance of Mercia pupils has been truly stunning. We thank parents and carers for their support. Pupils have brought an excellent attitude back in to school and many have effectively caught up after the prolonged lockdown earlier in the year.

Despite successes, we are also acutely aware that the term has been a challenging one for the pupils. The transition back in to full-time school, whilst successful, has left pupils tired and in need of a well-earned break. With this in mind, we have decided not to set holiday homework over the Christmas period. Pupils need to rest, relax and enjoy time with their families over the holiday period. All we expect pupils to do is read every day for twenty minutes. This will allow pupils to return to school fully refreshed, both physically and mentally, in the New Year.

I am sure you'll agree that the enormous challenge of this term deserves a period of rest and recuperation for all. Holiday homework will return to normal in February half-term.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Yours faithfully

Joshua G. Fisher
Deputy Headteacher