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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of myself and the governing body, I wanted to finish the term by writing to thank you for your incredible support this term as we continue to navigate through the Covid pandemic, especially with the recent increase in case numbers due to the Omicron variant. I have really enjoyed getting to know your children and planning the next phase of the journey for Astley Cooper School and look forward to sharing the Ofsted report with you in the new year as well as seeing the development of our new building continue.

We currently have several staff absent due to Covid and I believe we will not be able to operate effectively next week if these levels increase due to the lack of availability of supply teachers. I have taken the decision to close the school early for the Christmas holidays on Friday 17 December. We will ensure that work is provided on Google Classroom for any student that wishes to complete work on Monday and Tuesday next week. I have not taken this decision lightly and appreciate that this may impact on some of our families, but it is necessary for the safety and wellbeing of all our staff and students.

The school day on Friday will run as follows, students attending Registration, Period 1, Period 2 and Period 3 and finishing at 12:35. If students wish to purchase food for lunch, they need to do this during their extended break time. Students entitled to Free School Meals should ensure they have purchased their lunch during this time. The Sixth Form Discovery day is cancelled. Students will have normal lessons as above and they need to be wearing their school uniform.

Please remember that Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 January are staff training days and the Covid testing schedule on these days will remain the same as attached. All students are to return for an 8.30 start on Friday 7 January.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and safe break over the holiday period.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Orsborne Headteacher

Mr J Lee Chair of Governors



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Wednesday 5 January

Form	Time
7AKh	09:00
7AOG	09:15
7CKe	09:30
7ECo	09:45
7SE	10:00
7YSh	10:15
11LDi	10:45
11JBo	11:00
11JDo	11:15
11CH	11:30
11ZMc	11:45
9PHa	12:30
9AB	12:45
9HMy	13:00
9LFo	13:15
9GH	13:30
9SF	13:45
9CHa	14:00

Thursday 6 January

Form	Time
8AMo	09:00
8KFa	09:15
8JNo	09:30
8SWi	09:45
8JCu	10:00
8SBu	10:15
10AHu	10:45
10SLD	11:00
10PGo	11:15
10AC	11:30
10MG	11:45
10HH	12:00
12JHo	12:45
12ZMa	13:00
13RP	13:15



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