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Dear Parents/Carers

Change to Term dates at CoDA.

I hope that you are all keeping safe. I would like to thank all members of the school community for your ongoing efforts at reducing the spread of the coronavirus.

Although cases are high in Derby and our locality, I am pleased with the small number of cases of coronavirus transmission at CODA. I would like to thank all members of staff at school for maintaining high expectations of virological etiquette and also providing quality learning opportunities. However, we must remain vigilant in the run up to the Christmas and after the Christmas break.

The Department for Education [DfE] announced this week that schools have the flexibility to modify their school calendars to reduce the chances of infection before the Christmas holiday. Therefore, I am writing to inform you of the changes to the school calendar at CODA.

The last day of this term will now be Thursday the 17th of December 2020. The finish time of the last day will be staggered from 11:00. There will be more details to follow. The Spring term begins on Tuesday the 5th of January as set in the calendar.

This day will then be added to the end of the Summer term. Therefore, the end of the Summer term will now be Friday the 23rd of July 2020.

Just as a reminder to all parents, CODA teachers have been setting remote learning every week since September so there are many additional learning opportunities for your child to access if they would like to over the Christmas period.

For our Year 11 students we will be creating a number of additional opportunities between now and their exams in July. We have already published and started afterschool revision classes which have been well attended.

If I do not see you in person, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Smith
Headteacher