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Dear Parents and Carers,

END OF TERM UPDATE

As I'm sure you can imagine, this has been very busy term for **all** members of the school community. It has been a hard shift for everyone but we have all worked hard to make it a successful one, and to reach this point. I am very proud of the way young people have coped and adapted to the challenging circumstances, and I'm grateful to the Eastbank Academy staff for their professionalism and industry, and to parents, carers and families for your unswerving support.

You will have received my message yesterday to provide some detail in light of the First Minister's announcement at the weekend. In addition, some communication from the Director of Education was issued earlier this afternoon.

To be clear on where things currently stand:

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| ▪ Wednesday 6 January | No pupils will attend school |
| ▪ Thursday 7 January | Children of key workers may be able to attend school |
| ▪ Friday 8 January | Children of key workers may be able to attend school |

Those parents who are key workers and would like their children to be accommodated in school should complete an on-line form. Details of this will be issued in the New Year, in advance of 6 January. Please do not contact Pastoral Care teachers for this purpose. For all other pupils the Christmas holiday has been extended, and they return to education on 11 January. As previously stated, for most this will involve remote learning, and more detail regarding this will be issued on 9 January.

In the meantime, we can rest assured that all members of the Eastbank Academy community have the talent, commitment and drive to cope with whatever 2021 has in store. I leave you to enjoy this short [animation](#) created by class 1B1/1.1 in music and art. Not only did they create the figures and background, and shoot the animation, they also played the soundtrack!

I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful break.

Best wishes,

Jonathan Graham
Head Teacher