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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re End of term arrangements

Please find attached a media release explaining that the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture has agreed that term will finish for States-run primary and secondary schools at the end of the school day on Friday 17th December 2021.

This decision has been taken following careful consideration of the pressures of keeping schools operational due to ongoing staff and pupil absence and, importantly the upcoming Christmas holidays where the risk of families having their special time severely impacted by Covid-19 should be limited as far as possible. Clearly the picture in Guernsey has been and is very different to what we are experiencing in Alderney at this present time.

St. Anne's School will remain open on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and the morning of Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

It is most likely that all pupils will attend school as usual in Alderney and for those that choose to not attend, some activities will be provided such as revision and retrieval activities to consolidate their learning and understanding from this term.

In order for us to make necessary operational plans, I would be grateful if you <u>do not require</u> a place for your child/children on each of the two and a half days to contact the school by no later than the end of the day on Thursday 16 December 2021 (**3pm**).

You can do this by emailing office@alderney.sch.gg

School bus services will operate as usual on Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday morning.

The arrangements for the return to education following the Christmas period have been discussed with Public Health and they have requested that all pupils undertake a lateral flow test on the first three days back in school after the holiday on 6th, 7th and 10th January 2022. We would be very grateful if you could make sure that your child/children do the tests with appropriate supervision if required.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Christmas, and to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr M A Winward Headteacher