



# Bowling Green Academy

*"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"*



9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers

You may have seen in the news that the Department for Education have been liaising with schools and Local Authorities over possible changes to when schools break up for their Christmas holidays. Here at Bowling Green Academy and The Great Heights Academy Trust, we all believe the best place for our children is to be in school receiving a high-quality education. We also want as little disruption to their routines as possible and less disruption to parents' working life/childcare as possible.

However, there are times that we need to make swift decisions that are in the best interests of our children and staff from a health and safety perspective – thus reducing risk and the chances of ruining people's Christmas. We are therefore closing after school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and children will not be attending on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This has been agreed by the School's Minister and backed by school Unions.

We will be re-opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 rather than Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

We appreciate that this is short notice for many working parents, but we have acted as swiftly as we can following the guidance from the Government today.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a good break and a happy New Year. I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards,

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