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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to wish you all a very happy and restful holiday period and to wish everyone all the very best for 2019. To confirm, the school closes on Friday 21 December at 2.45pm and will re-open on Monday 7 January 2019 at 8.29am.

2018 has been a year of change for Bucksburn Academy. We have seen some significant staffing changes, but we find ourselves in a good position moving forward into 2019. In August our SQA results showed that the school continues to make progress, particularly with our S4 pupils. We are continuing to work hard to ensure that this progress is seen in all year groups.

2018 has been the Year of Young People and we have embraced this at Bucksburn Academy by strengthening pupil voice with our involvement in the Young Leaders of Learning project. This has seen some of our pupils trained to examine improvements in schools and they have been involved in supporting Bridge of Don and Harlaw Academies as well as helping evaluate their own school with peers from these two schools.

This term our pupils are busy writing the school newsletter and I would hope that this will be coming out before the end of the year. I would like to thank those pupils involved in this venture to show off what the pupils are doing across the school – for pupils, by pupils.

Parental voice is also important to us and I am grateful to those parents who have contacted me and my colleagues this year. I hope that you have felt listened to and feel confident in helping us continue to improve the school.

Once again, we wish you all a happy and healthy festive season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Michael Paul
Headteacher