



SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 11-19

BUCKINGHAM ROAD
WINSLOW
MK18 3GH
(01296) 711853

WEB: WWW.SIRTHOMASFREMANTLE.ORG

25th November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Urgent I.T Work

STFS is needing to complete some urgent IT work in December. This is to ensure that our IT system and Internet are able to cope with demand and our licences continue to run effectively into the New Year. The work will require us to shut down the server, undertake re-wiring and replacing of our Wi-Fi access points which are located throughout the school. The works are significant and will require a team of engineers on site. Aside of the IT being down for three days and the disruption to our IT system, we do not feel it prudent to have external visitors on site during the school day.

With this in mind, the Governing Body and I have taken the decision to close STFS for the Christmas break at 3.30pm on Tuesday 15th December. This is two days earlier than our scheduled start to the Christmas break. We feel that the timing of this creates the least disruption for students' learning and allows for the work to be carried out. We are acutely aware of the amount of time students have had away from school this calendar year and to mitigate the impact of this early closure, school will remain open on two future INSET days, one on the 12th February 2021 and the other one on the 1st April 2021. Students will still have the same number of days in school; we have simply moved around the INSET days to accommodate this important work.

We thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Neale Pledger
Headteacher

