



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen in the news yesterday that the DfE have advised schools to take **Friday 18th December as an INSET day** – where staff would be requested to work from home and children would begin their Christmas holiday sooner.

The reason for this is that headteachers have been asked to continue to monitor the school community for illness, testing and negative and positive cases of COVID 19 for 6 days after school has ended. I will need to communicate this information with the Local Outbreak Team. The suggestion of closing the school to people on Friday 18th December, then means that we have finished our Track and Trace responsibilities on the 23rd December 2020 – allowing Headteachers to celebrate Christmas also.

We have therefore decided to follow this advice and will be **closing school on Friday 18th December 2020**. Making Thursday 17th December the children's last day in school.

We ask that if you or your family experience illness related to COVID 19 over the holiday period, that you Dojo message Hayley Dyer, or simply ring the school phone number – 01902 894484, as all calls are being diverted to my work mobile phone and I will be able to share the information where needed – I hope that we are all able to stay well over this time.

The return to school for children will be on Tuesday 5th January 2020. We look forward to seeing you then.

Take Care

Laura Slinn

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