



Dear Parents and Carers,

As per the government announcement earlier in the week, we will be closing the school to pupils on **Thursday 17th December at 3pm**. Friday 18th December will be an **INSET day**.

This is to ensure we only have to complete the track and trace process up until Wednesday 23rd December and do not have to do this on Christmas Eve. It also means we have an extra day of minimising the chance of pupils or staff contracting covid and having to self-isolate on Christmas Day.

I do hope you understand and support decision. After a long, tiring and challenging term we want to give our staff and pupils the very best chance of a lovely Christmas, spent with loved ones.

We have a number of children who are self-isolating next week and who should continue to learn from home up until Thursday.

We have a normal school week planned but will begin celebrating advent and Christmas together on **Thursday**. We have gone 'all out' this year as we felt we needed that extra Christmas cheer and have been having festive Fridays in December!

Here is our plan for the final day in school:

- All pupils and staff invited to wear a Christmas jumper and accessories over their uniform. Anyone not wearing a Christmas jumper should come in normal school uniform
- Christmas lunch is on the menu for staff and pupils plus some Christmas music in the canteen
- Period 5 pupils will return to their forms for a recorded advent service and final gathering
- Pupils will be dismissed at 3:00pm as usual

Thank you for all your support and positive feedback this term-it has kept us going in a very challenging situation. Can I ask that parents and carers continue to support us in the New Year by ensuring your child returns in January following our school rules to the full:

- Full uniform
- Mask
- Appropriate black leather shoes
- Dark coloured coat

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- Correct PE kit
- No extreme hairstyles
- No fake tan
- No false nails
- No false eyelashes
- Discreet make-up only

Finally, please take the time later next week to watch our end of term vlog to see what we have been up to.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Byrne
Headteacher

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