



Wednesday 9th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, there was an announcement yesterday from the Department for Education advising schools to **'make Friday 18th December a non-teaching day'**. There are a number of reasons for this, but the main one is bringing forward the last day that pupils and staff are in contact with each other, and therefore also bringing forward the cut off for informing you of any positive cases that may occur within the school.

We have been informed that these new end-of term arrangements will mean you should not be contacted after December 23rd regarding any positive cases in the school.

I will be writing to you with more information on what to do if you, your child or a member of your household has a positive test over the Christmas holiday. Public Health will be providing guidance on how to report any new cases later today or tomorrow, but I wanted to write to you today to give you as much notice as possible of the changes to next week's arrangements.

The Last Day of Term

Friday 18th December will now be a *Learning from Home* day – full of festive activities.

The last day your child will be expected to be on site will be Thursday 17th December, school will finish at the normal time and we will still provide a School Plus provision. On Thursday, each child will be given festive learning packs full of activities and work they can complete on Friday, until 2pm. On Friday your child's class teacher will be available on DB Primary to respond to any questions regarding the learning packs. Resources will also be uploaded onto DB Primary.

As mentioned above, I will write to you as soon as Public Health provide me with the specific arrangements for reporting COVID cases over the Christmas holiday.

I appreciate this is very short notice and may cause some inconvenience, however, I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in supporting our efforts to keep everyone as safe as possible.

All the very best,

Miss Lewis
Headteacher

