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Dear Parent/Carer

9th December 2020

Re: Friday 18th December 2020

I am writing to clarify and confirm that our school will be OPEN on Friday 18th December 2020.

It was suggested on Tuesday 8th December 2020 by the DfE (Department for Education) that schools could choose to close that day for an INSET day. However, teachers would be required to prepare work for children to complete at home in line with remote learning requirements and we would also be required to 'pay back' this day in the future which would mean either starting the Spring Term early (which is impossible) or ending the Spring Term late which would mean reducing the half term holiday to four days.

Having discussed this proposal with the Chair of our Academy Council the decision was taken that it is far too short notice for parents to make alternative child care provision and would be very disruptive to the school given that the EYFS Christmas party is organised for that day. Our team all enjoy the last day of term therefore we will not be closing.

The proposal was made to try to reduce the amount of time Head Teachers will have to be on-call over the Christmas holidays in case of a positive Covid test result for a child. Whilst I appreciate the sentiment, the amount of disruption does not justify this course of action and therefore we will continue as normal.

Details will be published next week regarding what you need to do if your child does test positive for Covid during the Christmas holidays.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross
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