

9 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware from National news yesterday, the Department for Education have given schools the option to use Friday 18 December as an Inset day. In light of the current position, we will take this opportunity as some school staff will need to remain on duty for 6 days after the end of term to support any positive cases.

We recognise that this communication has come late in the academic term and apologise if this causes inconvenience, but when taking into account the wider position, and that we only heard this information from the Department for Education an hour before it appeared on National News, we are sharing this as soon as we can.

School will end at normal time on Thursday 17 December and re-open on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

[Covid email – The Christmas Period -Worst case scenario, somebody becoming symptomatic over the weekend when school ends](#)

We would like to take this final opportunity to ‘thank you’ for your support throughout this term. We appreciate that it has had its challenges for staff, children, parents and carers, but we have managed to ensure that your child has returned to school and been able to fully engage with their learning.

We believe that the hard work of our children, the support of their parents/carers and the commitment from our staff has left our children in a very strong place, especially considering their time out of school prior to the summer.

As we approach the holidays, it is logical to share how we will respond to any positive cases over the weekend when we end school and into the Christmas week.

When the term ends, we will remain vigilant in terms of positive cases. With any positive case, it is important to consider who a person may have come into contact with in the 48 hours before they display symptoms or gain a positive test result. So, if a child or teacher becomes symptomatic up to Saturday 19 December, we would need to consider who they mixed with going back to Thursday 17 December (or if they become symptomatic on Friday, we would have to go back to Wednesday).

Therefore, **if your child receives a positive test result** and they were in school on Thursday 17 December and became symptomatic by Saturday 19 December (or was in school on 16 December and became symptomatic by Friday 18 December), please contact info@tannersbrookpri.org.uk and share this information with us.

When we reach the end of term and up until 23 December, this email will be checked once daily by 9am.

If a positive case is reported, we will contact you to ensure we are sharing appropriate information.

In terms of contacting people who will need to self-isolate as a result of potential contact, we will send an email to share this information which will clearly contain the information needed. Staff at the school will not be contactable to discuss emails, but please rest assured that we will go through the normal process for working out which parents will be contacted.

In terms of being vigilant to symptoms, this has been high on all of our agendas, but I would ask that as we move through the last week of term, parents do not send any child into school if they display any symptom that may be considered Covid related.

We hope you appreciate that this is a time for staff to also spend time with their families and therefore, although it will be less personal, we will make contact by email if necessary.

Hopefully this will not be required and you can take the opportunity to enjoy the break with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing the children when they return on the 5th January 2021.

With best wishes



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