

9 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

School finishing on Thursday 17 December

Throughout the pandemic, schools have worked closely with Public Health England to support track and trace processes. Recently, Public Health England have informed schools that we must continue in this role for six days after school closes for the holidays. This means that school staff would be contact tracing and informing families of the need to isolate up to and including Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December.

Yesterday the Department for Education (DfE) notified schools that they could change their term dates by revising the dates for their planned training dates. Our wider partnership of schools has decided to do this. **It means that the last day of school is now Thursday 17 December.** Our planned training day on 7 June 2021 will now be a normal school day in order to comply with the legal requirement of learning days.

Revised Christmas Activities:

The following will now take place on **Thursday 17 December rather than Friday 18 December.**

Lower Site – ‘Polar Express’ Activities

Upper Site – ‘Elf’ Christmas Activities

Whilst we appreciate the late notice of this change, we hope you can understand that we were only notified yesterday and believe that any action that can potentially reduce transmission at this time is a sensible one.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Roberts
Executive Principal