

9th December 2020

Dear Parents and Staff

I wanted to write to you all in case you hear anything in the news about an email schools have received from the Department for Education (DfE) this afternoon. The email is suggesting that schools choose to put an INSET day on Friday 18th December, primarily because they are also asking schools and school leaders to continue assisting with contact tracing for 6 days following the final day of teaching.

We have made the decision not to change diaries at such late notice. Children have already had disruption to learning and we wish to maintain consistency. We also appreciate that a late change could be very difficult for our families in terms of childcare.

On a slightly more serious note, the email does also ask that we make everyone aware of the arrangements in terms of Covid-19 cases during the school holidays and so it would be helpful if you could make yourselves familiar with the following:

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If you do need to contact school as per the first bullet point, please email this address notification@bradfordacademy.co.uk to inform us of the circumstances around the positive notification. Please note that by e-mailing this, you will not be contacted but we will pass these details onto Public Health England.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and continued support throughout the last eight months. Whilst there may be hope in the form of a vaccine, we are all very well aware that the measures currently in place will continue for some time yet. Please familiarise yourselves with these so that we can all return safely on January 4th for the Spring Term.

I wish you all a very Peaceful Christmas.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13***

Yours faithfully



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