

Dear Parents / carers

School closed for all pupils for INSET Training on Friday 18th December 2020.

As you will have seen from the media and local newspapers, the Government and Local Authority have recently revised their Guidance for school arrangements for the end of the autumn term.

They have allowed schools to 'move' a planned INSET training day for staff to the final Friday of the school autumn term.

*INSET days are training days for staff and when all pupils do not attend school.

Following discussion with the Governing Body, we have taken the decision to close school after the end of day on Thursday 17th December and to use Friday 18th December as a staff INSET training day. <u>ALL pupils are to remain at</u> <u>home on that day.</u>

- School closes to pupils at the end of Thursday 17th December at the normal time of 3:15. Taxi transport will collect pupils from school as normal.
- School closed to pupils on Friday 18th December.
- School re-opens for all pupils on Monday 4th January 2021

To safeguard the 190 teaching days that children must have access to, we will be opening school on Monday February 22nd and this will no longer be an INSET day. Children will be expected to attend school as normal.

This is a change to the school holiday pattern and will be updated on the school web site.

School will contact all Passenger Assist staff and transport firms today and will confirm dates and times. If you could also check with transport to make sure they have had the message that would be appreciated.

I apologise for the lateness of this change, however as a school we have had to wait until the decision was made by the Government and Local Authority.

Thank you and Merry Christmas! Bev Hennefer

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