

Haselworth Primary School

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10th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Term

You may have seen in the news that the Government have made a last-minute decision that schools *may* choose to move an inset day to next Friday, 18th December. I can confirm that this will not be happening at Haselworth Primary School. The last day of the autumn term remains Friday 18th December 2020 and the children will be dismissed at their normal end time. School will officially close at 3pm for the Christmas Holiday.

The reasons include:

- 7 working days is inadequate notice for working parents and carers to make childcare arrangements.
- An inset day off is not a 'day off' for school staff. It is a valuable opportunity for staff training. 7 working days is an inadequate amount of time for such an event to be planned well to make it worthwhile
- Christmas lunch and festive activities are planned for next week and we do not want to disappoint the children.

Track and Trace during the holiday period

We have received further information about track and tracing over the holiday period:

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed **symptoms within 48 hours** (19th and 20th December) of being in school, the **school must be notified**. School staff will inform the Headteacher directly.
- Parents must email the school and leave a message including the name of the child, the date the symptoms started and the date of the positive Covid test.
- Parents must contact the school on adminoffice@haselworth.hants.sch.uk This address will be monitored by the Admin Team. Messages will be checked at 11am each day up to and including 24th December 2020.
- If your child has been in school and in contact with other children in the bubble/their class 48 hours before they developed symptoms when they will have been infectious, we will notify all the other parents in their bubble and they will be advised to self-isolate their children.
- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed **symptoms more than 48 hours** since being in school (21st December onwards), the school **should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. School staff still need to notify the Headteacher in order to support contingency planning.



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- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, school does not need to be informed of their absence until the start of the new term.

I really do hope that nobody needs this guidance over the Christmas period and that we, instead, have a time where we can enjoy being with our families.

Best wishes

Natasha Jones
Headteacher

