

11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have seen in the press or from other schools, the DFE suggested this week that schools nominate Friday 18th December as an Inset Day with the proviso that another teaching day is found elsewhere next year. Unfortunately we have already used our inset day allocation for the academic year so we are unable to comply with the DFE's suggestion. The Wensum Trust also recognised that the short notice of this suggestion could cause issues for families with childcare arrangements. Therefore, **school will remain open on Friday 18th December** in accordance with our published calendar.

Reports home

We will be issuing our first tracking one information and attendance summaries next week by post. We appreciate that many parents have had issues accessing Sims Learning Gateway, so we want to ensure that everyone receives the information

Face Coverings

Please can all students remember to come to school with a face covering, we seem to be handing out quite a lot each day. Washable face masks might be a good thing to add to the Christmas list for some of our students.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Christmas holiday FSM voucher codes were issued by Edenred on Thursday 10th December. If your child has a free meal entitlement and you have not received a code by Monday 14th December, please contact Mrs Webb in the office.

Contacting the school in relation to positive tests during the holidays

- 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.
- 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.
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. There should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Thursday 24th December.
- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.
- For the first 6 days after the end of term, schools are not asked to be on-call at all times but will check the hotline and emails at a designated time each day.

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In the event of a positive case before the 24th December- please ring **07721332592** or email me directly- hwatts@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

Best wishes



Helen Watts
Principal