

10 December 2020

Our Ref: HP8003

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

You may have seen on the news in the last couple of days that the Government has announced that schools may close this term on Thursday 17th December and use Friday 18th December as an INSET day. This means moving one of the school's previously planned INSET days to Friday 18th December.

Schools have been asked to continue to take reports of positive COVID cases between 18th and 23rd December. By using Friday 18th as an INSET day will help to ensure that 'testing and tracing' as a result of cases in contact with schools will be completed by Wednesday 23rd December. We will then be able to inform those families that need to self-isolate which will hopefully reduce further possible spread over the festive period as more households mix.

We recognise that this is shorter notice than would normally be given of an INSET day and apologise for any inconvenience caused, but hope that you will appreciate that this option has only been made available to schools over the last couple of days.

Therefore:

The **last day of school** before the Christmas break will be **Thursday 17th December 2020**.

School will be closed for an INSET day **on Friday 18th December 2020**.

School will reopen for children **on Monday 4th January 2021**.

The remaining INSET days for the rest of this academic year will be:

Friday 18th December 2020

Friday 12th February 2021

Friday 25th June 2021

There will no longer be an INSET day on Monday 28th June 2021.

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 over the period between Friday 18th December – Wednesday 23rd December please inform school immediately on 01332 272249 or via an email to admin@hardwick.derby.sch.uk

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 after Wednesday 23rd December, please inform school on the first day of term (Monday 4th January 2021).

I would like to thank you for your support in what has been an unusual term and send our continued best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Sandhu
Head of School