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Dear Homes

There has been much debate and discussion across the country in regard to next Friday and schools closing this as a PD day.

As a Trust this has been reviewed and, for many reasons, the decision has been made to remain open. The main reason for the announcement from the Government was due to track and trace requirements meaning Heads would remain 'on duty' until Christmas Eve to communicate any positive cases from break up on Friday 18th.

The day would still be required for the children due to the legal necessity of a 195 day year. So this would mean schools would have to apply a day into spring or summer, change a PD day or state this day as remote learning. We felt asking our homes to organise a day, find childcare at this short notice was unacceptable. Breaking up on Thursday **doesn't impact** on changing **self isolation requirement for any family** should there be a positive case, schools would have needed to break up in the 11th for this.

Again the Government have not allowed schools time to fully consider this. Recently a Trust did try to attempt this and the regional school commissioner prevented this happening. I hope this detail allows you to appreciate the huge hurdles provided to make such changes, the information is often given last minute to schools from central government and we have to try quickly to ascertain a best way forward for all our families. This is no easy task.

As a result the decision was **we would remain open on the 18th December** and the process for homes to contact school between 18th-24th (which is the window we are obliged to contact others in if there is a positive case) will be as follows:

If there is a positive case for a child or member of staff (who has been in close proximity) between these dates they are asked to email:

[Head@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk](mailto:Head@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk)

School will then contact any necessary families about self isolation.

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We understand there will be a varied view in this topic, as always we have tried to accommodate for the majority of our families and made the best decision in very difficult circumstances. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind Regards

The Oakmeadow Leadership Team.

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