

CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together in a Christian community, nurturing and developing lively minds in a caring environment.



11th December 2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to confirm that **the last day of term remains Friday 18th December**. All pupils should attend school on the last day of term unless they are self-isolating or are unwell.

Mrs McCall and I have to remain contactable for the purposes of supporting track and trace for six days after the end of term. This means that we must be on-call up to and including Christmas Eve. The situation is the same for all school leaders.

This week, the DfE, belatedly, advised that schools may extend the Christmas holiday by one day if they either use a Teacher Training Day (TD Day) or by shortening another school holiday, so that senior leaders do not have to work on Christmas Eve.

I am aware that many of our parents have work commitments and would be inconvenienced by the sudden announcement of a school closure. In addition, we do not have a spare TD Day and I do not think our families or staff will appreciate losing a day out of one of our future school holidays. Therefore, I made the decision not to shut the school on Friday 18th December.

Please help Mrs McCall and me by observing the following guidance.

Notify the school using <u>admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk</u> ONLY if your child tests positive with Covid-19 further to developing symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school. Use the attached PDF to ensure that you have the correct information ready to share with me when I call you. We will check the school email address once a day in the morning up to Christmas Eve, and you will be telephoned shortly after.

If your child develops symptoms before 3:30pm on Sunday 20th December and was in school on Friday 18th December, you MUST inform the school using <u>admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk</u> if your child tests POSITIVE.

Do not tell the school that your child has developed symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school. Only contact the school after a POSITIVE test.

If your child develops symptoms after 3:30pm on Sunday 20th December (more than 48 hours of last being in school) and subsequently tests positive, do not contact the school. Follow the instructions given to you by NHS track and trace.

In the event that a pupil in the school tests positive further to developing symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school, and Public Health England advise me to contact all parents within that child's bubble, I will send an email to the relevant parents with the advice given by PHE.

Please check your emails and read any that come from the school up to and including Christmas Eve.

Yours sincerely Mrs Chapman