

## Churchside Federation

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## **Dear Parents/Carers**

Many of you may have seen the current debate about making Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December an INSET day. The DFE has left this up to the discretion of head teachers and a decision has been taken by our Federation that we will not alter our INSET calendars and therefore Friday 18th December will be a normal school day for the children. We feel that they have missed enough education and therefore we will be open and keen to see the children for last day of term.

## A message from Norfolk County Council:

During the school holiday please can we ask that you follow all the national guidance, we have included some helpful bullet points and web addresses below. It is by everyone taking individual responsibility to follow this quidance, that we can together manage a safe and secure return to education in the New Year.

- If your child is unable to start the new term because of COVID-19 or any other illness please let us know in the normal way. School reopens 4th January 2021
- If your child lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus, your child must stay at home for 14 days from the first day the person with coronavirus had symptoms or had their test.
- If your child develops Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared (or from the date they received a positive test result).
- COVID-19: quidance for households with possible coronavirus infection GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) has information for households with possible coronavirus infection including easy to read guides in a number of languages.
- Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) has information for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus infection including an easy to read quide.
- If your family is in need of support to help you through a period of isolation, please see the Norfolk Assistance Scheme www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk. Some residents are also entitled to a self-isolation support payment of £500 click here to find out more.
- Please remember; there are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other 1. Wash hands, 2. Cover face, 3. Make space.

Although the festive season will be different this year as we all continue to try and keep each other safe and healthy, we do hope that you can all enjoy this period and we wish you a safe and happy new year.

## **Reporting cases of Corona Virus over the Christmas period:**

Please be aware that from 5pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December the school office phones will not be manned. If you or a family member has been told either by Public Health England or the NHS Test and Trace to inform the school, you can contact the school office by email, these will be checked before 10am up to and including Wednesday 23rd December. Thereafter it will not be monitored until the start of term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Many thanks

Mrs Godbold