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Dear Parents/Carers

You may have heard on the news yesterday/today that the DFE has said that schools can use the 18th December as an additional training day (to be paid back next year) and, thus, be closed for children. The reason for this is so that we will not need to carry out Track and Trace on Christmas Eve should there be any symptomatic pupils or staff in the first few days of the school holiday. By bringing the end of term forward by one day it means that the need to Track and Trace will be brought forward by one day and, therefore, we will not be 'on call' to respond after 23rd December 2020.

Whilst I understand the logic of this, I believe that this advice has come too late. I do not believe that we can usefully use the 18th December as a quality training day. We will then need to pay this back later in the year but I am not sure how this can be achieved as we have no more training days left other than 4th January (which we are using to train Early Years staff in the Curiosity Approach, Teaching Assistants in developing a new approach to behaviour management and looking at ways to enhance interventions and to enable teachers to look at further development in our whole school curriculum.) Neither is it helpful to working parents or carers to find childcare for that day at short notice. Therefore, unless there is a national or local directive to close schools, we will remain open on 18th December 2020.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

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