

9 December 2020

Dear Parents,

Principal - Tony Head
Executive Head - Amanda Parry

Change of end of term date:

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school during this first term. We appreciate that it has had its challenges for all in our community, but by working together we hope we have managed to provide as normal a learning experience as possible for our children.

As you will be aware from National news yesterday, the Department for Education have given schools the option to use Friday 18 December as an Inset day. In light of the current position, we will take this opportunity as some school staff will need to remain on duty for 6 days after the end of term to support any positive cases.

We recognise that this communication has come late in the academic term and apologise if this causes inconvenience, but when taking into account the wider position, and that we only heard this information from the Department for Education an hour before it appeared on National News, we are sharing this as soon as we can.

School will end at normal time on Thursday 17 December 2020 and will re-open Monday 4 January 2021.

Covid cases over the Christmas break:

As we approach the holidays it is logical to share how we will respond to any positive cases over the weekend when we end school.

For any child who displays symptoms over the weekend of Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 December 2020, and then tests positive for covid, we would like the parents of that child to inform the school as soon as possible. We appreciate this may be several days into the holiday. A test taken on Monday 21 December 2020 might not come back until the Wednesday 23 December 2020. However, we would still need to know because of when the symptoms first started.

Please remember, you only need to inform the school if your child tests positive. This can be done by sending an email to info@portswoodpri.org.uk. This email will be checked once daily by 9am from the end of term up until 23 December 2020.

If a positive case is reported, we will then seek advice from the DFE and will contact the families from the child's class with the relevant information concerning isolation.

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As has happened when we have had a positive test confirmed, a second letter to the whole school will go out informing parents.

If your child begins to display symptoms after Sunday 20 December, the school will not need to be contacted, as 48 hours will have passed since your child was last in school. You should of course follow the national guidelines, get a test, and isolate.

If over the holidays your child or a member of your household tests positive, and will still be isolating when we are scheduled to return to school on Monday 4 January 2021, please do email us on the Monday morning letting us know the date they will be returning.

Hopefully, none of this will be required, and you can take the opportunity to enjoy the break with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing everyone when they return to school on Monday 4 January 2021.

Yours Sincerely



Tony Head
Principal

