



The
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HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Department for Education announcement on Tuesday 8th December that schools are now able to use an INSET day on Friday 18th December for a non-teaching day and for staff training, **Thursday 17th December will be the last day in school for students in 2020.**

Whilst we understand and agree that the timing of this announcement isn't ideal, our subsequent decision will enable a 7-day break between the end term and Christmas Day. It will also facilitate a number of colleagues to be 'on-call' at the beginning of Christmas holidays to contribute to the national effort of containing COVID-19 cases. Colleagues will be available to conduct our internal track and trace investigation, notify any affected parents/carers and then be able to have a break, prior to all students returning to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

To ensure the provision of 190 school days this academic year, **Monday 19th July 2021 will now become the last day in school for all students.** Should any family have a holiday booked for the Monday 19th July, please inform the school and remote learning for those students will be provided.

Parents/carers are reminded that should their child have a positive COVID-19 test they are to notify the school immediately, via COVID@leftwichhigh.com. Should a positive result be received at the beginning of the Christmas holidays and your child has been in school 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms, please notify school immediately. Colleagues will be 'on-call' until Wednesday 23rd December to perform our internal track and trace investigations and notify parents/carers should any child be identified as a close contact and need to isolate.

I thank parents/carers in advance for their understanding and support should we need to notify you that your child needs to isolate over the Christmas holidays. I dearly hope this will not be the case but we all must follow the guidance. I'd also like to thank publicly those colleagues who have agreed to give up part of their well-deserved Christmas break to help me with this, should it be required.

Thank you for your understanding regarding this decision. Ordinarily, this would have been made and communicated far earlier, however the timing has been out of our hands.



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Finally, Thursday 17th December will be a non-uniform day, we are requesting donations from students to contribute towards the Senior Citizen's Christmas gift fund, which Year 11 are currently organising. I will send a communication to parents/carers next week about some changes to our procedures and arrangements from January 2021.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Snelson
Principal



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