



Long Lawford
Primary School

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Thursday 10th December 2020

Central Government Update for End of Term

Dear Families,

As the end of this half term nears, there has been much speculation across the nation regarding schools finishing early and school leaders continuing to support Track and Trace throughout the Christmas period. Until recently, the directive from Central Government is that schools must remain open until the end of term as originally planned.

On Tuesday 8th December, Central Government released an update that advised schools that they are able to move one of their set training days to facilitate an early finish for this half term. This would mean that Friday 18th December could now be a training day and children could finish on Thursday 17th December 2020.

Central Government thinking behind this is that schools, undertaking the 6-day Track and Trace window as agreed by Public Health England, will have time to contact families and inform them of any confirmed COVID-19/close contact cases from the school before the 5 day family period from 23rd to 27th December. This would also mean that school leaders could have a Christmas break from 24th December onwards.

Whilst the school appreciates what Central Government is trying to achieve with this gesture to school leaders, we are also conscious of the incredibly short notice this announcement gives our families to organise childcare for Friday 18th December if the school were to re-arrange a training day. There is also the training school has already planned that would need re-booking, and at such short notice, may not be possible.

Therefore, after much deliberation, the school has taken the decision to **remain open as planned on Friday 18th December** and to keep all planned school dates as they are. Therefore, children will be expected to come to school as normal and finish at normal time. The school has rearranged some activities next week as follows:

Christmas Dinner - Will now be on Thursday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Will now be on Thursday 17th December - Children can wear non uniform and a Christmas jumper (no fancy dress please).

Christmas Panto Jack and the Beanstalk - This will be on Thursday 17th December (on 16th December for Nursery) by live stream into the classroom, performed by Coventry Belgrade Theatre.

Christmas Parties - All classes to have a Christmas party on Thursday 17th December

Christmas Cards – will be sent home on Thursday 17th December

If you or your child develops symptoms up to and including 24th December 2020, please email your child's name and class to admin2405@welearn365.com. The school will check emails daily and inform parents if their child has been a close contact to any positive case in their class. The school will communicate this information via email to parents. If you have recently changed your email address, or are not sure if the school has your email address, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the school during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions please email admin2405@welearn365.com and we will do our best to answer them as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher