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Dear Parents/ Carers,

10.12.20

You may have read the proposal from the government/DfE to use the last day of this term as an additional professional staff training day (INSET).

I should like to confirm that, as with most of the schools in the New Forest, Friday 18th December, school will be open as usual.

This decision was reached after careful consideration but took into account the disruption to children and childcare and those parents who have just returned to work after lockdown as well as the impact such a late decision has on an already busy week. Whilst 'having a day off' sounds simple enough, INSET days require careful planning and staff to be in school.

Further important information from the DfE regarding positive cases in the holidays:

If your child develops symptoms...

...on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December 2020, and tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), you should contact the school by **calling the COVID mobile phone on 07704 061591** This phone line is only to be used for COVID cases and will only be answered during the holiday. Once we return to school, please call the school office – 02380865354 or email adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk

We will check this address daily, (up until the 24th December). If we are notified of a positive case, we will identify all children who have been in close contact and advise self-isolation, as the child may have been infectious whilst in school.

....on or after Monday 21st December 2020 and tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. Do not contact the school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youre-contacted-after-testing-positive-for-coronavirus/>

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What to do if a child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID19)

Child develops covid symptoms
on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th
December and receives a positive

Child develops covid symptoms
on Monday 21st December or any
day after and receives a positive

Contact the school **on 07704 061591**
(up to 24.12.20)

Follow contact tracing instructions
from NHS Track and Trace
<https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents, for all your support with the routines and systems we have put in place to ensure that everyone is kept as safe as possible. We have been incredibly lucky not to have had any cases and to have to shut any class bubbles. Long may this continue!!

We understand that it has been very tricky, even challenging with the infant school being shut and we really appreciate you finding solutions to getting your children to school as their continued learning is really important to us. Thank you once again for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Kind regards



Cathy Ingram

Acting head Calmore Junior School

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