



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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End of Term Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers,

We received information from the government on Tuesday afternoon which states 'schools may wish to use Friday 18th December as an INSET day.' The stated aim of this is to reduce the duty of Head Teachers to be on call for track and trace to 23 December rather than 24 December. In order to do this, schools are required to move one of their other planned INSET days.

The short notice is highly likely to be disruptive for parents and carers and our community and so The Ecclesbourne School will remain open to all students on 18th December and students will return to school on Monday 4th January as planned. As usual, the last day of term will end at 2.40 and school buses will arrive early to take students home. If you need your child to remain in school until 3.40 arrangements are in place for their supervision.

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 over the Christmas holidays, please email us at covid@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk adding the following information: child's name, date of birth, date last in school, date of first symptoms and date on which the positive test was taken.

On behalf of all of us here at school please accept my sincere gratitude for the way in which our students, parents and carers have pulled together and worked with us to navigate a year like no other. So far this term, absence related to CV19 or self-isolation is less than 3% of expected student attendance. Most pupils, most of the time have been in school - where they belong. This has only been possible because of a huge team effort by everyone. All of our students, parents and carers. Everyone in our offices, our amazing Site Team and Learning Support Officers. Our Heads of Year and Pastoral Leadership Team who have looked after student wellbeing and managed to keep assemblies alive remotely. Every form tutor who has started the day early and with a smile, keeping students calm and motivated. Every teacher who has put up with having to teach all over the school and lugging equipment with them. Our catering team who have had to adapt to entirely new ways of working. Our cover and mid-day supervisors and our phenomenal First Aid Team who have simply kept calm and carried on in true Ecclesbourne style. I know this term has been challenging and I hope you know just how much you are appreciated. Together, you are making a huge difference.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Ecclesbourne community a relaxing and restorative Christmas holiday and a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

James McNamara

Head Teacher

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