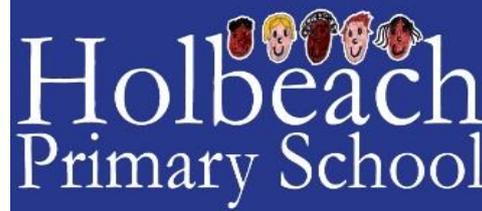


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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: CHANGE OF END OF TERM DATE (TERM NOW FINISHES ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER)**

I am writing to you regarding the Government's announcement earlier this week for schools to make **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> an extra INSET day** in the light of an increase of positive cases of COVID-19 leading up to Christmas.

This means that, at Holbeach, the last day of term will now be **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, with the usual, staggered, collection times in operation.

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience that will have been caused by announcing this INSET day at such short notice and I do apologise. The school had no prior knowledge of the Government's announcement. Hopefully, by notifying you today it will allow you to make the necessary child care arrangements.

For all of us, this has been an incredibly challenging and exhausting year. Together, so far, we have managed to limit the number of positive cases in the school to one. It is very important that we all continue to take the personal responsibility required to continue to limit the spread of this awful virus.

These personal responsibilities include:

- Following the restrictions in place for London (currently in Tier 2)
- Avoid play dates, parties and sleepovers.
- Following the government guidelines for self-isolation
- Continue to observe strict hand and respiratory hygiene
- Wear a face mask and maintain social distance (as much as possible) when dropping or collecting your child

Finally, I want to alert you all to a new email address ([covid@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk)) that should be used for any messages that you send to the school about suspected cases, self-isolation or proven (positive) cases. I will write again shortly to explain expectations for notifying the school of positive cases during the winter holidays.

Should you require any further information about the extra INSET day please do not hesitate to contact me on **0208 690 4713**.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Bulpitt  
Headteacher

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