



Whitefield

Schools

A member of
Whitefield Academy Trust

10th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I write to update you about changes to the end of term following a government announcement on 8th December 2020.

As you may have heard or read in the news the government has recognised how hard school staff have worked, including in tracing contacts, and would like to ensure that we are not working to trace contacts over the Christmas Bank Holiday. They have therefore recommended that schools should close to children by 17th December to give a 6 day 'window' before the main Christmas holiday where schools can continue to assist with contact tracing for Covid19.

Following this announcement, the Whitefield Academy Trust has made the decision that school will now be closed to pupils on Friday 18th December 2020 for an INSET day for staff training.

Therefore, the last day of term for pupils will now be Thursday 17th December 2020.

I recognise this communication has arrived with you late in the term as the government has only just issued its advice to schools.

The day 'lost' to pupils will be replaced later in the academic year.

I will send you more information about reporting positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holiday break before the end of term.

I would like to thank you for your understanding throughout this very challenging term and hope that everyone has a safe Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Pease
Principal