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Dear Parent /Carer,

Re: Inset day 18th December 2020

I trust that you all remain safe and well.

As you may have seen in the news, the Government announced yesterday that schools are advised to take the 18th December as an Inset day. Doing so, will ensure that staff who still need to monitor track and trace over the Christmas period, are able to finish on the 23rd December and not the 24th. This means that if we have a case in school at the end of term all families who will need to self-isolate will be notified by the 23rd December at the very latest rather than on Christmas Eve as would currently be the case.

Currently while not all schools have decided to take this action, some academies in our area have decided to close on the 18th December.

Knowing this information, the school undertook a risk assessment to identify the staff at Ravenswood that these closures would affect. If we were to remain open on the 18th December the school would be very close to our 20% staff absent rate which could result in a full or partial school closure on safety concerns.

Therefore, to give parents/ careers as much notice as possible we have taken the decision to move the planned Inset day on the 1st April 2021 to 18th December 2020.

The last day for pupils this term will be **Thursday 17th December 2020.**

I am very sorry about the short notice of this decision however we were only given this news yesterday and have only had this morning to consider all options.



The school will be contacting transport and North Somerset to inform them regarding this decision.

It is crucial that if your child develops any Covid symptoms within 48 hours of being in school that you let the school know via info@ravenswoodonline.org.uk. A Senior leader will be monitoring this email and will contact you for any further details needed. In the unfortunate case that this may happen, this will ensure that we can inform parents/ carers of any pupils who may need to self-isolate over Christmas as soon as possible.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take Care,

Mark Senior

