

10th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank you as the attendance rate at Pathfinder Schools, as previously reported, has remained extremely positive when compared with attendance at schools nationally.

We are aware that during the remaining days of term if any positive COVID19 cases are confirmed this would result in an isolation period extending into this important holiday time. In our schools we are doing all we can to prevent this happening and would ask that you too continue to support our community by being as careful as possible with social contacts during this time.

Department for Education Advice - Change in End of Term Date

On Tuesday all schools received a communication from the Department for Education giving the option to make Friday 18th December a training day in order to minimise contact within our community as much as possible and therefore reduce the likelihood of isolation over the holiday period. While this is late in the day to receive this from the DfE we support this approach to enable all families to spend time together over the holidays and will be making **Thursday 17th December the last day of term for all our students.**

Informing us of Positive Cases during the Break

The procedure to follow from Friday 18th December:

- If your child:



Your child's school will communicate before the end of term how they would like you to do this. In the instance where a school receives a notification of a positive case all close contacts will be informed and advised of the required actions. Please be aware that this message will be in the form of an email or text message to you.

In order to make up the teaching time, Friday February 12th will now become a normal school day for all pupils and not a training day as previously advertised.

Prior to return to school Monday January 4th

If you have had any confirmed cases of COVID 19 over the holiday period which may have an impact on the school community, please contact the school on the morning of 4th January. If you are unsure whether your child is able to attend or not please check with the school first.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday period; we look forward to supporting one another through the next stages of the COVID19 pandemic as we move into 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Davey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Ann Davey
Chief Executive