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Dear Parents & Carers,

INSET DAYS – NO CHANGE

As you may have heard in the news most recently, the Department for Education has changed its position regarding INSET days. As of 8th December, they have given permission for schools to rearrange their pre-planned INSET days to give them the chance to close one day earlier for Christmas.

Having considered this as an option, both the Infant and Junior Schools have decided that at this very late stage this change would cause too much stress and disruption for our families and staff. Issues surrounding childcare would be raised, both for this day, and the rearranged INSET days later in the academic year. Therefore, we will not be closing for Christmas on Thursday 17th, but will continue to close on Friday 18th December as planned.

TRACK AND TRACE

The Department for Education has also asked that for the first six days of the holidays we remain contactable so we can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant school contacts in school to be identified. After this school staff will not play a role in any contract tracing until Tuesday 5th January. The advice is as below:

1. Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
2. For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school

Day	Develop Symptoms	Action	Further action
Saturday	Yes	Get tested	If test is positive- email school.
Sunday	Yes	Get tested	If test is positive- email school.
Monday-Thursday	Yes	Get tested	Even if positive, no need to email school because child has not been in school for 48hrs.

Please inform school by using the following email
covid@blackhorsehill-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Please note this email will be monitored once a day at 12pm from Saturday 19th
 December. After this date this email will not be checked until Monday 4th January.

If your child needs to self-isolate we will notify you by text.

Stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas.

Julie Morris
 Headteacher