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Dear Parents/Carers

10.12.20

Open all next week.

The government decided on Tuesday evening to offer 18.12.20 as a PD day for schools. This, in my opinion, does nothing to help anyone and is too little too late to make any difference to anyone's Christmas if track and trace and isolation has to be put in place. Therefore **both Federation schools will be open and break up for Christmas at the end of Friday 18th** as planned. It additionally insults the planning and setting up of professional development days which are thought out and spaced throughout the year to have the maximum effect on performance and training for staff, as well as on provision for pupils. Finally I don't feel parents need the added stress of childcare issues to work out on such short notice!

However it has brought to my attention the fact that if your child or a staff member tests positive for COVID after leaving school we need to know in order to inform Public Health who will direct me in contacting anybody who needs to isolate. Therefore if your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being in school and then tests positive in a following COVID test please inform the school through emailing the admin emails:

admin@cheswardine.shropshire.sch.uk or admin@hinstock.shropshire.sch.uk

Please state when symptoms first occurred and when the test was taken in the email, and leave a contact number. If, following advice from PHE, we then have to contact parents regarding close contact with a case we will text out a message stating:

Your child has had close contact with a confirmed COVID case and needs to isolate until

If there is any further advice you will be phoned by myself as soon as I receive it.

If you do not have to isolate but there has been a case in your child's class the text will just let you know so that you can be on the look out for any symptoms and be more aware.

I do hope I am not on duty until Christmas Eve and don't have to make any of these calls at all but please bear with me if I do, I am not ringing you to ruin your Christmas, I am just following the guidance as requested by the DFE.

Yours Sincerely,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)