

Thursday 10th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have already seen in the media, the government has asked schools to continue to play their role in tracking and tracing positive cases for 6 full days after the end of term and has therefore strongly recommended that schools should close early for Christmas.

We have made the decision to bring forward the end term by one day. **School will therefore close for the Christmas break at 3.10pm on Thursday 17th December.** The early closure will then allow enough time for any positive Covid-19 cases to be identified and confirmed by test and for any direct contacts in the school to be traced and informed.

When school is closed to children on Friday 18th December, teachers will be involved in staff training. We will provide some learning activities on google classroom for children to complete if they choose to.

As a result of the early closure, **our Christmas parties will now be on Thursday 17th December.** We would love to see the children coming to school in their party clothes to celebrate the end of term.

We want everyone to enjoy time with their families over Christmas but we also want you all to be safe. Please continue to follow the social distancing rules and current guidance given by our council.

Should your child develop coronavirus symptoms up to the 23rd December, you must notify school. You can contact us on admin@grovehouseprimary.co.uk or by using the contact us facility on the school website. Emails will be checked daily and if we receive confirmation of a positive case, either myself or Mrs Summerscales will contact you to confirm any direct contacts.

Like me, I know you will all be hoping for a brighter and more positive 2021. We look forward to welcoming all our children **back to school on Tuesday 5th January** as advertised and wish you a safe and peaceful break with your families.

Kind regards,



Miss L Clapham
Executive Headteacher