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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 8th December the Department for Education (DFE) sent an email to schools suggesting schools choose to use Friday 18th December as an INSET Day.

We have considered this and the impact it would have on our families in trying to organise child care on such short notice as well as the impact on the school's community and the activities we have planned as a school, to bring to a close what has been a very trying year for us and our families. Thus, we have decided to continue with Friday being the last day of term for Robert Blair School. **School will therefore close as planned on Friday 18th December at the regular time with the exception of the Nursery, Children Centre and keyworker children whose day will finish at 2pm.**

The email also asks that schools make everyone aware of the arrangements in terms of **Covid-19** cases during the school holidays. Please make yourselves familiar with the following:

1. 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.
2. 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.

If you do need to contact school within 48 hours of closing, please email:
holidayillness@robertblair.islington.sch.uk

In the meantime, please ensure that you and your family stay safe by keeping to the current **Tier 2** rules. Press reports yesterday suggest that cases in London are rising and there is a possibility that we could be entering **Tier 3**. We do not want any year group bubble, family or staff member to have to isolate, during the holidays.



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I sincerely hope that we all get a Christmas holiday without interruption
If we act together, as a community, in a mindful and considered way, we are working towards the
holidays being a peaceful time for everyone.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Bahn', is positioned above the printed name.

Michelle Bahn

Headteacher

Christmas Holidays

Should I contact the school about my child's illness?

- We only need to know about illness in the holidays if Covid symptoms have started within 48 hours of your child being in school.
- We will only check the emergency contact – see below.
- We will only respond to messages for this particular purpose.
- If no COVID symptoms are reported by 4pm on Sun. 20 December, we will no longer check the messages.

Does your child have: -a new continuous cough?
-a fever (high temperature over 38°C (using a thermometer)?
-or a complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Yes ↓

No ↓

Did the symptoms start before 2pm on
Sunday 20th December?

DO NOT contact the school.
Do not take your child for a test

Yes ↓

No ↓

DO NOT contact the school.
Take your child for a test, follow advice from NHS.
There is no need to inform the school of the result.

You must contact the school to let us know about the onset of symptoms. There will be one emergency contact for this. See instructions below.

Take your child for a test. Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test.

Let the school know the result of the test as soon as you receive it, no later than midday on 23rd December. There will be one emergency contact for this. See instructions below.

*On 4th January,
resume normal
procedures for
reporting your
child's absence.*

Emergency contact instructions only for the two specific purposes below:

Reporting symptoms which started before 2pm on Sunday 20 December:

Send the following email to holidayillness@robertblair.islington.sch.uk

'My child (*insert name*) developed COVID symptoms on *Friday 18th Dec/Sat 19th Dec/Sunday 20th Dec (delete as appropriate)* at (*insert time here*).

I will take them for a test and share the results with the school by midday on 24th December.'

For the subsequent reporting of test results:

Send the following email to holidayillness@robertblair.islington.sch.uk

'My child (*insert name*) has tested *positive/negative (delete as appropriate)* for Covid-19