



**The Priory School**

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Dear Parents and Carers

There has been much discussion in the media over the past few days about the government giving schools a PD day on 18<sup>th</sup> December and therefore closing on 17<sup>th</sup> December. We have discussed this as a Multi Academy Trust and with local schools and have decided that, for a number of reasons, we will stay open on 18<sup>th</sup> December until 1pm, as per my letter last week.

We felt that the announcement was a little late; we had already finalized our end of term arrangements and having communicated this to you, we felt it was important to honour our previous arrangements.

Should your child(ren) **develop symptoms or has a positive test on either Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December** then you **MUST let us know**. Could you please do this by using the following email address [Covidalert@tpstrust.co.uk](mailto:Covidalert@tpstrust.co.uk), our usual [info@tpstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@tpstrust.co.uk) will also be monitored over that period between 9am and 3pm. Please do not send an email out of these hours.

If your child(ren) develops symptoms or tests positive outside of this time period then please use the NHS Track and Trace system and you do not need to let us know, **unless they are continuing to self-isolate once we return on 4<sup>th</sup> January**. This is because it will have been longer than 48 hours since they were in school and will therefore, not affect any other staff or students. Please note as of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the isolation period is only 10 days.

Thank you for your continued support with this and I sincerely hope it will not be needed for any family over the festive period. I hope you all have a well-earned rest and have the opportunity to spend it with loved ones.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the staff at The Priory School.

Kind regards

Mrs A Pope  
**Headteacher**