



Wednesday 9th December 2020

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know about some important information about changes to the Christmas holiday dates. St Mary Cray Primary Academy will now be closing for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 17th December.

Pupils will therefore now not be coming into school on Friday 18th, Monday 21st or Tuesday 22nd December.

Term will begin again on **Monday 4th January 2021**. Tuesday 5th January will now be a normal teaching day and not an INSET day as previously planned.

This is due to the announcement from the DfE yesterday afternoon which means that school leaders won't need to be 'on-call' throughout the holiday period to deal with track and trace reports if a pupil or a staff member tests positive for Covid. Until now, the government has resisted an early term closure, but is now allowing schools to finish early and make up the lost teaching days next year.

As well as the date changes stated above, the INSET day previously arranged for Monday 7th June 2021 will now be a normal teaching day, and pupils will be expected to return to school after the summer half term on Monday 7th June.

Important information about positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school (**after 3.30pm on Saturday 19th December**), the school **should not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus up to and including the 23rd December, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of being in school (**before 3.30pm on Saturday 19th December**), please notify the school by emailing contact@springpartnership.co.uk as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. This email address will be checked at 12:00pm each day until the 23rd December.
- School staff will not be checking any pupil contact tracing emails beyond Wednesday 23 December.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the 23rd December, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

I trust you enjoy happy and covid-free holidays.

With kind regards,

Jo Brinkley
CEO The Spring Partnership Trust



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