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Dear Parents/Carers,

School will be open as usual on Friday 18th December

You may have heard in the news that the DFE has given schools the option to close on Friday 18th December if they wish. To do this, schools would be required to bring forward one of their INSET days instead of using it on the day originally planned.

Although some schools have chosen to close, we will remain open as usual on Friday 18th December because:

- Our INSET days are already organised for the remainder of the year and we have training booked, some with external providers. In addition, we know that you may have made family arrangements with these INSET days in mind.
- We do not want to create childcare difficulties at short notice on the final day of term for parents. We know that organising childcare is not always easy, especially at short notice.

Staying healthy and safe over the rest of term

As we near the end of term, I know that we are all looking forward to the holidays and the chance to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones.

The government has asked school staff to remain on call until 24th December, to manage, in partnership with public health, the track and trace arrangements we have in place for our school pupils. As we near the end of term, we know we may have to ask individuals and classes to self-isolate as possible contacts of a positive COVID case. This we always do in consultation with Public Health.

We ask that you inform the school of the following:

- confirmed case (positive test result) if symptoms developed within 48 hours of last being in school
- confirmed case (positive test result) if not symptomatic within 48 hours of last being in school

Please e-mail covid@stjohnsinfantsglastonbury.co.uk

This e-mail inbox will be checked daily during the first week of the holiday and should a case be identified we will be working with Public Health Somerset to advise any close contacts to isolate. Please see below for the information that you will need to provide.





The school will need the following information to carry out a risk assessment of who may be a close contact:

- Date of onset of COVID-19 symptoms (including what symptoms they had)
- Date of the test
- Date of the result (and evidence of the result/ID number)
- Date your child was last in school
- How do they get to school? E.g. walk, cycle, car, public transport, school transport, taxi
- If by car - do you car share with anyone else?
- If walking - do they walk in with anyone else?
- If public transport/school transport - do they know who they sat near?
- Please provide any additional information you may have as to pupils or staff your child may have been in contact with during this period.
- Please note: The infectious period is 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms (or date of the test if tested when asymptomatic).

If we remain extremely careful and continue to follow the guidance over the last few days of term, we can hopefully, avoid members of our school community having to isolate during the holidays.

Thank you for your support in working with us to ensure we can all enjoy the best possible Christmas break.

Stay safe.

Mrs Wendy Turner,
Headteacher

