Lane End Primary School

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"Learn and Believe, Aspire and Achieve"

COVID and the Christmas Break

9th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you again for all your support over the last term – and worked with us to make sure that the return and re-opening of school has been as safe as we could make it. The dropping off and pick up timings and arrangements will continue into the new year, and until we are advised differently.

Reporting positive COVID results over the Christmas Break

Please could you alert school as soon as possible, should your child test positive for COVID at any time over the Christmas break. This is especially vital in the first few days of the school holiday, as we will then inform all the other children and staff that have worked in that year group that that they will need to self-isolate for 14 days after last contact with your child. This message will be sent to all affected families via the school texting service.

Please could you send the positive test result details to: covid@laneendprimary.org.uk

You may have seen in the Press that the Government have told schools yesterday that they may use one of their training days and could close school next Friday. The aim of this offer to schools is so that school leaders do not need to be on 'track and trace' duties right up until Christmas Eve, and can start the 6 days we have been asked to continue to be on call through the holidays to end on 23rd December instead of 24th Christmas Eve.

We have decided that Lane End **will stay open all next week**, including Friday 18th December as originally planned. There has been lots of reasons for this decision, including:

- parents would potentially need to sort childcare for this additional closure day at very late notice
- there are a number of Christmas activities and events booked and planned for that day
- the Year 6 children will only have returned on the Thursday 17th December and we want them to enjoy their full programme of Christmas activities too
- the training days for the year have already been allocated and using one next week would impact on school development training plans for the rest of the year

We hope you all have a lovely, safe and healthy break – and that you are able to enjoy some family time too. We all definitely deserve it after the incredible events of 2020!

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Take care
Mrs Britton and the Lane End Team

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