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CHANGE OF END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the build up to a slightly different Christmas. I know the staff have all been working hard to make sure the children are all still having a wonderful time whilst following all of the guidance and risk assessments.

Today at 2.20pm we have received new updated guidance around the end of term arrangements for schools.

Public Health England has agreed a 6-day window after the final day of teaching in which schools and further education providers are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced. We are clear that beyond 6 days after the final day of teaching, school and further education staff are not asked to play a role in any contact tracing.

As you will be aware, throughout the pandemic, leaders in schools have had to make themselves available through weekends and school holidays - advising parents and staff when we have had suspected Covid cases, booking tests when required and collating results. We have also been providing information to NHS Track and Trace and have been available to provide Public Health England with information on close contacts in schools when needed. Therefore, in response to the guidance from the DFE today, the decision has been made that our school last day of term will be Thursday 17th December.

We apologise for the very short notice and any pressure this may place on you and your families but we feel it is important to follow this guidance and allow all our staff a break from Christmas Eve onwards to spend with their own families.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas from everyone at St Ives Infant & Nursery School.

Kind Regards

Mrs Leisa Farrar, Headteacher & Mrs Dawn Stevens, Chair of Governors