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Dear Parents,

You may have heard through the media that the Department for Education have suggested that schools may wish to rearrange training days to enable schools to finish the autumn term a day early as, due to coronavirus, the term has presented challenges for staff in many schools.

Unlike some schools we have been fortunate in experiencing minimal disruption through bubble closures due to coronavirus this term. At Rivington, as we have Christmas activities planned for the last day of term and our training days are already in the school calendar for the spring and summer term, Governors have made the decision to retain the previously planned end of term date of **Friday 18th December**.

We feel that this arrangement will be in the best interests of both parents with working commitments on that day and the school.

Advice for Parents/Carers regarding symptoms of a child/staff member at school after school closes on the 18th December.

Please follow the advice below regarding positive cases after the last day of term:

- Parents/Carers and Rivington School Staff must contact school via the details below if symptoms of Covid-19 emerge within 48 hours of pupils/Rivington staff being in school.
- Parents must **ONLY** contact school on **07794743232** or at head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk. **Messages should not be left on the School phone as this will not be checked on a daily basis.** Messages left via the two ways listed will be checked between 9-11am each day.

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- Messages will be checked by Mrs. Annette up until and including the 24th December.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- **For the first 6 days after teaching ends**, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school will, via the contacts above, assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the pupil/staff member may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Mrs. Annette will not remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching.
- Rivington's last teaching day is on Friday 18th December, there will be no pupil contact tracing asks through school beyond Thursday 24th December.
- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

If you have any further questions – do not hesitate to contact myself.

Best wishes,

Sarah Annette