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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 18 December 2020

The Department for Education (DfE) is seeking to minimise the burden of track and trace falling on schools over the Christmas period and has suggested that schools use Friday 18 December as an In Service Training Day to support this aim. Therefore, all of the schools within The Three Rivers Learning Trust will break up for Christmas for students at the end of the school day on **Thursday 17 December**.

Public Health England and the DfE expect schools to continue to track and trace the contacts of any positive coronavirus (Covid-19) school cases for a period of six days following the final day in school. We would be grateful, therefore, if you would continue to inform the school if your child tests positive during this period, so that we can respond accordingly.

However, where a student tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should not be contacted. In this scenario, parents and carers should follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

As Friday 18 December is now a designated Training Day, the scheduled summer training day of 25 June 2021 is cancelled and will be a normal school day, to ensure students receive the designated teaching allocation.

The DfE appreciates that this information is provided at very short notice for parents and I am writing to you at the earliest opportunity and hope it does not cause too much inconvenience. Your Headteacher will write again to you next week, confirming all of the arrangements for the end of term.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support during the autumn term, and to wish you a happy and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Simon Taylor
CEO