

Wednesday 13th December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Late yesterday afternoon, it was suggested by the Department for Education that schools close a day earlier than planned, making Friday 18th December a non-teaching day. This decision mainly relates to the responsibility of schools for track and trace for 6 days after the end of the school term. For Greenwich schools, the decision to close a day earlier has been confirmed by the Director of Children's Services.

I can confirm that, at Meridian, children's last day in school before Christmas will now be Thursday 17th December. School will finish at the usual times on this day.

I do hope that families are able to have a healthy and well-earned rest this Christmas. If your child were to become unwell with Covid symptoms over the holidays, we appreciate your support in following government guidance - self-isolating and organising a test. **Should your child test positive for Covid over the Christmas holidays, it is important that you let us know by emailing sao@meridian.greenwich.sch.uk.** We will be checking this email account, up to and including 23rd December.

If a child or member of staff develops Covid symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school and then goes on to receive a positive Covid test, we will let parents/carers know via email. This is because the infectious period is from 48 hours before to 10 days after the onset of symptoms; contacts needing to self-isolate are those who have been in contact with the affected person within this timeframe.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

Jo

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