

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below the arrangements for the end of term.

Term ends on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the usual finish time.**

The first day back for pupils in the New Year will be **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

Many of you will be aware that the government announced yesterday some very late plans suggesting that schools make alternative arrangements for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The suggestion was to either teach students on line, to limit physical contact on site, or set up an INSET day to run staff training from home. Fortunately, we do have an INSET day planned for the end of the year which we are able to swap for the 18<sup>th</sup> December instead. Therefore Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of December will be an INSET day for students, so their end of term will now be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as highlighted above. However, the INSET day planned for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 will now be cancelled for students, so we will expect students to be in on that final day of term. We will be running the INSET day for staff on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as a 'disaggregated day', meaning staff will not actually be working, but they will be making up the hours later in the year through evening training sessions.

We will cancel all transport for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

#### **Arrangements for reporting any positive Covid cases during the holiday**

The Local Authority have asked schools to send the following information to parents regarding the arrangements for reporting any student positive cases during the holiday. Please follow this useful link which can also be found on the PLC website under the 'parent info' tab.

<https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Covid-19-Parents-Guide-for-holiday-reporting.pdf>

Also during the last week of term:

#### **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas themed fancy dress. Any creative Christmas adaptations to existing jumpers will be welcome. Pupils are asked to bring £1 if possible and the money raised from this day will be donated to Save the Children.

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## Christmas Lunch – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

We will be celebrating our Christmas lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. There is no cost to pupils for the Christmas lunch, but please feel free to donate any left over Christmas decorations/crackers/serviettes from last year to brighten up the lunch tables. We will not be gathering in the hall as in previous years. Lunches will be delivered as separate meals to each provision in order to maintain our Covid secure 'bubbles'. Obviously we understand that some pupils may not want to eat with other pupils in their bubble, but we would still like them to join us for this celebration.

### End of term trip

Unfortunately, our usual end of term reward trips such as ice skating and bowling will not be able to happen this year, but we are making other arrangements to try and have a little fun with the students at the end of term.

### And finally...

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you all how much we appreciate your on-going support for everything we are doing at PLC. I am so proud of the PLC team and I am particularly proud of how tirelessly everyone has worked to ensure your children are safe, engaged, supported through our covid recovery focus, working hard to help them catch up on missed work, as well as preparing additional resources and being ready to run on line learning lessons if needed!

Please could I encourage you to send any short thank you messages to PLC staff via the office email address before the end of term, as I know it would really mean so much to the team. Please use the subject heading '**Feedback for headteacher**' so the messages are forwarded to me. The email address is: **office@pathwayslearningcentre.org**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a relaxing break, from everyone at PLC. I do hope you will be able to spend some time in your bubbles together with family and/or friends as we all look forward to a much happier 2021!

Yours sincerely,



Louise Leader  
Headteacher

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