

9th December 2020

Statement from the Trust regarding end of term arrangements

You will have heard in the media that schools have been given the option to make 18th December an INSET day. This has been proposed by DfE for several reasons, one being that staff “get the time off they need and deserve” and also to reduce the length of time into the holidays that staff need to be available to support the Test and Trace process. We have consulted with our Headteachers and considered carefully the impact such a decision would have on all our school communities and particularly, parents and carers, who would have to make childcare arrangements at short notice if we were to finish on 17th December. The Trust has ultimately decided that all schools will remain open on 18th December and that Headteachers and myself will continue to respond to Test and Trace up to and including Christmas Eve.

This has been a long and testing term and I know that you would want to join me in thanking our Headteachers and their staff for all their hard work supporting and teaching pupils throughout this period, despite the challenges the restrictions have presented.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas as we all look to a better New Year.

Damian Chubb
CEO