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Dear Parents and Families

You may be aware that the Government have allowed schools the option of closing a day earlier for Christmas and using the 18th of December as a training day. Nick Gibb stated that this was to ensure that school leaders did not have track and trace responsibilities on Christmas Eve as we have to be on call for six days following school closures and the official reporting mechanisms for schools will close on the 23rd December.

We want to reassure you that Bronte schools will not be closing a day earlier and will close, unless otherwise directed by the Government, on Friday the 18th December.

Whilst we recognise that staff within the trust have worked extremely hard and deserve a break, we all agree that this is not right for us. Parents cannot be expected to find childcare at such short notice without good reason, the children cannot miss the last magical day before the holidays and we are not willing to compromise with this.

The beauty of working as a trust is that we can take turns being on call up to Christmas Eve for track and trace and as such, we want to remind you of the need to inform us via our covid email address for confirmed cases.

The address for this is covid@bronteacademytrust.org.uk

The information we need is:

- Name of child/ren, school and classes
- Phone number we can call you back on
- Start date of symptoms and/or test

Please do NOT leave a message on the individual school email address as this will not be picked up.

Please can all parents ensure that schools have up to date contact details so we can text and email you and please can we also remind you to check for notifications from us up until and including the 24th December.

We are all enjoying watching the 'virtual' nativities at our schools and hearing about the special activities the children are getting up to...we have some very badly behaved elves getting up to mischief each night too!

Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to a better year in 2021.

Kind regards

Gill Holland
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