

## Chisenhale Primary School



### **URGENT: SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

10/12/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You may have heard that the Government announced that Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December should be the last day of term. They say 'we recognise this communication has arrived with schools late in the term'. I have considered really carefully the pros and cons of making this decision to close the school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

I recognise that the staff at Chisenhale, like in schools across the country, have worked incredibly hard in these unpredictable and difficult times. The measures put in place to keep everyone safe has meant that their working hours have increased, their workload has increased and the daily pressures have increased. However, they always consider the learning of the children being what matters the most, and have made that happen day after day.

Closing the school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December means that those members of staff who want to isolate for 5 days following being in work, and then meet with their bubbles for Christmas, are able to do so in accordance with Government guidelines. They will be able to travel on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, rather than the 24<sup>th</sup> and have the time with their loved ones that they deserve.

It also means that our families, who wish to do the same, are able to do so to, and keep as safe as possible over the Christmas break and beyond. We know that many people hope to spend Christmas with elderly and vulnerable relatives & friends and want to do so safely.

We will be giving the children a learning pack for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December to complete and bring back to school on the 4<sup>th</sup> January. All children will also be expected to log in to a Google Meet with their teachers and classmates on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> December which they can do via a phone or computer.

8.30am	8.50am	9.10am	9.30am	9.50am	10.10am	10.30am	10.50am
Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Reception	Nursery

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this time, and say that it is always a pleasure to be part of the Chisenhale School community.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Taylor  
Headteacher