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Valuing every child through fostering independence,
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Re: Friday 18th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that on Tuesday this week, the Government released new guidance to schools suggesting they consider holding an INSET day on Friday 18th December.

We are not going to do this as our INSET day is planned for 4th January and involves carefully planned professional development as well as collaborative work with multi-agency professionals. We cannot simply move it to next week. We also do not want to impose sudden changes to plans and routines for our pupils and families.

However, given that many of our staff have dependents in schools in the area, that are now following that advice, we are aware that for health and safety reasons we may need to be closed on 18th December if we are unable to ensure we have sufficient staff on site.

We will keep you posted as our staff team do all we can over the coming days to ensure we have sufficient staff on site to stay open in a Covid-safe manner. We will confirm any impact to our planned opening for 18th early next week.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Osmond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.