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Dear Parents and carers

INSET day Friday December 18th 2020.

Schools in England have been advised that they will be allowed to close a day early for Christmas to give teachers "a proper break" from identifying potential Covid-19 cases. This means that the last day for children at Friars and St Peters will be Thursday 17th December.

Schools minister Nick Gibb told MPs that schools could schedule an inset day next Friday to allow "six clear days" before Christmas Eve. He said this would ensure teachers and heads do not have to engage with "track and trace issues" throughout the break.

All schools have 5 INSET days across a school year. This year, at Friars and St Peter's we had only scheduled 4 INSET days with the 5th to be confirmed. Therefore, December 18th will count as the 5th INSET day at both schools.

School leaders will continue with contact tracing in the event of positive cases through to Wednesday December 23rd. If children at either school become symptomatic and subsequently test positive for Covid they must contact the school office at St Peters or Friars (depending on which school the child attends) up until Friday 18th. From Saturday 19th through to Wednesday 23rd, parents of children with confirmed cases or staff must contact us using the email address: confirmedcovid@friars.southwark.sch.uk.

We apologise for the short notice about this INSET day but as we know, 2020 has thrown up immense challenges for all of society. We also hope that you understand the position all schools are in and that we will continue to provide a safe and educationally focussed environment for all children that are able to attend school up till next Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

J. Burtt

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