



MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear families,

The DfE announced yesterday (Tuesday 8th December) that schools are required to support contact tracing for 6 days from school closure. The DfE has recognised that if schools finish on the 18th of December or later this will require school staff to potentially be involved in contact tracing on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day.

The DfE has therefore given schools the discretion to end the term earlier by allocating an INSET day / moving term dates around later in the year to compensate for any lost learning. The senior leadership team have reviewed the impact of this requirement and have decided to move the INSET day on the 25th June to Friday the 18th December. This means that student learning is not impacted and staff wellbeing is supported. Therefore we will end the term on **Thursday the 17th December at the usual time of 3pm** with Friday the 18th dedicated to staff INSET.

I appreciate this is a late change. However, we have only received the advice from the DfE at 4pm today. The DfE have asked us to communicate any changes as quickly as possible so we feel we have done so in a timely fashion.

Many thanks for your continued support in our community; it is very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

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