

West Pelton Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents,

Further to our letter yesterday you may be aware that the Department for Education have allowed schools to change the date of one INSET day in order to replace it with Friday 18th December.

We have carefully considered the implications for this including:

- The impact upon pupils and families having to manage both work and childcare with such limited notice.
- The inconvenience of potentially affecting **two** school calendar days and any associated planning related to above.
- The wider community pressures of fitting in with other schools and settings decisions and how they affect childcare for family and sibling links
- The ability to rearrange professional development sessions which will have financial commitments for the school
- Changes to professional development days which may inconvenience families and staff who may have agreed annual leave.
- The overall impact of these decisions upon the attendance of pupils in the final week of term and the start of spring term.

Therefore our INSET days will remain as published for 20/21 with Friday 18th December being the last day of term and Tuesday 5th January being the first day back for children.

Yours sincerely,

V. Hewison

Head Teacher

