

Wednesday 9th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Woodland's Teacher Training day is January 4th 2021

You may have heard on the news today that the government are giving schools an additional teacher training day on Friday 18th December, when schools will be closed to children.

This is not the case at Woodlands, our Teacher Training day will continue to be on Monday 4th January 2021. Woodlands will be open to children on Friday 18th December.

The Government are giving schools the option to take one of their teacher training days from next year and move the day to Friday 18th December. The reason for this is because they are asking School Leaders to be contactable following the end of term for 6 days in order to deal with any positive cases that arise once we have broken up.

This is something we shall do anyway in order to keep you and your families safe.

We ask that families inform us through the school email postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch of any child who receives a positive test result in the first six days of the holiday. We shall then instigate an investigation and risk assessment with Public Health, as we would normally do. If there is a need for any children or staff to isolate, we shall contact you by text.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

BBC Article published yesterday evening

Covid: Schools in England can close for Christmas a day early

9 hours ago

Coronavirus pandemic



Schools in England will be allowed to close a day early for Christmas to give teachers "a proper break" from identifying potential Covid-19 cases.