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Dear Parent/Carer

Term dates

A number of you may have seen the headlines about schools being allowed to close to pupils on Friday 18th December.

As with many government announcements, there is often guidance that accompanies the initial statement. The Government have given schools permission to take Friday 18th as an Inset Day if they wish to. This is so that School leaders do not have to be on call on Christmas Eve to support with Track and Trace for any pupils or staff in their schools who may have a positive Covid test.

We feel very strongly that our families have already faced a huge amount of disruption as a result of this pandemic. We did not want any of our parents and carers to face further childcare difficulties, particularly with such short notice.

On this basis, we will be remaining open as planned on the 18th December, and we look forward to welcoming children in on that day.

We felt that it was important to let you all know as soon as possible, to avoid any further uncertainty from last minute government planning.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December 2020

Tomorrow is annual Christmas jumper day. If Students would like to wear one they are allowed with their uniform.

Last week of term



A reminder that next week your children will be having a Christmas party. School will be providing the food etc for the parties this year. They will be able to wear party clothes on that day. Your child's teacher will have let your children know when these are.

On 14th December we will be watching the special pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk". Pupils can bring in a small treat / snack to have while they are watching this, just enough for themselves please!

Attendance information

Across Wakefield, average school attendance this week is:

Attendance figures for 08/12/20

Overall attendance 86% (Primary 90%, Secondary 80%, Special 73%, PRU 58%)

Overall attendance of pupils with an EHCP 80% (Primary 89%, Secondary 75%, Special 73%, PRU 80%)

Overall attendance of pupils with a Social Worker 84% (Primary 92%, Secondary 75%, Special 77%, PRU 69%)

Overall attendance of Children in Care 91.3% (23/11-27/11)

Our attendance is:

Nursery	98.41%
Reception	95.95%
Year 1	95.81%
Year 2	98.77%
Year 3	89.21%
Year 4	95.36%
Year 5	93.71%
Year 6	93.79%
Overall for week: 94.98%	

You will see that South Hiendley is doing well with school attendance, well done to all families. A reminder that the attendance policy is available at:

<https://southhiendley.wakefield.sch.uk/policies> along with our other policies.