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### **TO ALL PARENTS AT FAIRISLE JUNIOR, INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOLS**

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

You may have heard in the media over the past 24 hours that the government has now stated that schools may move their staff training (INSET) days around this year in order to create a day off for the children on the last day of term before the Christmas holiday, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This would be to ensure that the last day headteachers would have to pass details of positive cases to Public Health England and the Test and Trace, would be brought forward from Christmas Eve to 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

We have discussed this in our schools as well as between the two of us and we have decided that **we will not be closing early** and that the last day of term will remain as Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

There are primarily two reasons for this decision. Firstly, there are only seven school days left after today and such a change to the school term will almost certainly create childcare issues for many working parents and families. Secondly, our staff training days are planned many months in advance and the training and development of our staff is vitally important to us, especially with the advent of remote teaching and learning, which all schools have been asked to put in place this year.

As you know, our final two day closures for staff training this year will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Peter Howard

Susanne Ottens

