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Our School is Open Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 8th December the Department for Education made the following **recommendations** to all schools:

'Schools may wish to use an INSET day, making Friday 18 December a non-teaching day and using the day for staff training, which could be delivered online.'

We recognise this communication has arrived with schools late in the term but would ask schools to be as helpful to parents as they can by sharing any changes to end of term arrangements as soon as possible, particularly where schools choose to make Friday 18 December a non-teaching day. Your support with this is appreciated.

Ryhope Infant School Academy and Ryhope Junior School have worked together in recent years to ensure that INSET days are aligned to assist in family planning and childcare arrangements. We pride ourselves that this information is always provided to our families in a timely manner.

We have taken the joint decision that both schools will remain open to all pupils on Friday 18th December.

Not only does this allow consistency for families at this late stage in the term, it is difficult to arrange high quality training for our school staff at such short notice.

This means that the planned INSET days for the academic year remain unchanged.

Monday 4th January: INSET Day – both schools closed to all children.

Monday 7th June: INSET Day – both schools closed to all children.

Kind regards

Mrs T Allen
Headteacher

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