



# Little Thurrock Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Osborne Cooperative Academy Trust has taken the decision to move the last day of the autumn term for pupils to Wednesday, 16th December 2020 and reschedule two training days for staff to Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2020.

There is no doubt this has been a very challenging term for all of us. The decision to reschedule two training days is designed to effectively prepare our staff for the challenges of the new spring term, 2021. This term, there have been many changes to timetables, classroom routines, styles of teaching and learning and even eating. We are so pleased that pupil attendance has remained high despite children and staff having to occasionally self-isolate.

In addition to preparing staff for the spring term, the change to the end of term date will also provide the opportunity for eight days of isolation for our youngsters and staff before Christmas Day. This will potentially reduce the risks of Covid-19 transmission during the holiday season. The teaching time will be moved to the spring term and days already identified as training days will become teaching days. Therefore there is no loss of teaching time because of this change.

In summary,

- The last day of term for pupils will now be Wednesday, 16th December 2020.
- The first day of the spring term for pupils will now be Monday, 4th January 2021. (This will no longer be a training day).
- Thursday, 25th March 2021 will be a normal school day and not a staff training day.

We hope that you will see this decision as a sensible and safe change to the learning and working arrangements of both pupils and staff. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Hook

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