



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware Stockport Council wrote to you on the 23 November 2020 to let you know about the plans for those schools who were due to be open on the 21 and 22 December. We explained our intention to support our schools in providing remote learning on those days, as a way of reducing the number of children that may need to be asked to self-isolate over the holiday period.

Your children have adapted to the measures in schools to reduce the spread of Covid and have worked incredibly hard over the Autumn term. We want to increase the chances of them (and you) enjoying a Covid-free Christmas break.

All possibilities and options have been explored thoroughly, both locally and with the Department for Education (DfE). The DfE has recognised Stockport's unique position as being one of the few areas where some children were due to be in school during Christmas week and has accepted Stockport's plans for the 21 and 22 December, on the basis that it does not encroach upon learning days in the days prior to the 18 December. Schools may be using INSET days flexibly to manage this, or in other cases provide remote learning. Schools will inform you directly about the arrangements to deliver remote learning to your children on those days where applicable. We will have in place robust arrangements to make sure that the quality of learning for each and every child involved in remote learning is appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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