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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, the Governors and I would like to thank you for all you are doing to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

We are writing to let you know that the Department of Education (DfE) has written to all schools and further education providers, asking them to remain contactable for Test and Trace calls up to and including Christmas Eve, and we could then have to call you if your child is affected.

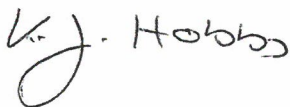
The DfE are allowing an existing Inset day to be brought forward so all face to face teaching could end on Thursday 17 December, which means the cut off for school-based Test and Trace would be 23 December rather than Christmas Eve.

The Governors and I have considered this option and decided that we will be moving the Inset day, which we had originally planned for the summer term, forward to Friday 18 December. This means that the last day of term for children is Thursday 17 December. We will be closing after lunch at 1pm. School buses have been rearranged for this time. If you would like your son/daughter to remain in the academy until our usual finish time, please email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) with the name of your son/daughter.

While we appreciate this is short notice, the DfE had made this suggestion so that the staff at the school are still available to make Test and Trace calls until 23 December 2020 if required. This will allow for greater safety and peace of mind if you are meeting others over the Christmas period.

We hope that you have a wonderful festive season and we all look forward to greeting you and the children when school starts in January on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs  
Headteacher