



HURST HILL PRIMARY

HALES VALLEY TRUST



Dear Parents/carers,

This autumn term has been the most challenging our schools have ever had to face. All staff in the schools across the Trust have been working extremely hard to keep everyone safe and stay open as much as possible. This has involved extra cleaning, new rotas and one-way systems, staggered starts and ends to the day and new lunchtime arrangements. In addition to this staff have also ensured that pupils who have to isolate are still able to access remote learning.

We are pleased that our bubble closures have been kept to a minimum, as a result of this hard work and your support.

We very much hope that we will be able to continue to operate as smoothly as possible next term, following the Christmas holidays. As such, the Trust has decided that our **schools will close for the end of the autumn term on Thursday 17th December** in order to benefit from a deep clean.

It is our understanding that the government and Dudley LA have taken the decision to provide FSM vouchers during the Christmas holidays for all those families who qualify for benefits-based free school meals. We will contact you as soon as we know the details of this. In the meantime it is really important that we have your most up to date contact information – mobile phone number and email address. You will not get your voucher if we do not have correct contact information. Please ensure that you inform school of any changes in details as soon as possible.

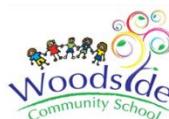
Thank you for all your support this term. We know that it has been challenging for families also. Your support in adhering to the staggered times, one-way systems and the wearing of masks helps us all to stay safe.

We very much hope that we will all be able to enjoy the festive period with our close family.

Kind regards

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