

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

Re: Additional INSET Day

I would like to start by thanking you for supporting our schools over the past academic year. Everyone at Embrace schools has worked hard to ensure that a full return has been possible for the start of the new academic year. It has been easy to see first-hand that the children at all schools across the trust are benefitting hugely in terms of their wellbeing and learning from being with their classmates and teachers.

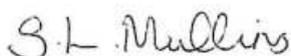
It continues to be a most unusual and challenging time and school leaders and teachers are working hard to plan, teach and ensure effective learning for all across Embrace schools. This dedication must not go unrecognised and it is important that I am able to take the time publicly to say a huge thank you to all members of staff in our schools for the amazing work they put in for our children on a daily basis. Everyone who works within our schools contributes to this success and I am proud to be their new trust leader.

The wellbeing of staff is just as important as that of the children and, in recognition of this, a further INSET day of professional development and training has been organised to support our members of staff around their mental health and wellbeing. After such extraordinary and demanding circumstances of the previous two academic years, I feel it is important to consider and develop ways for school staff to stay well and healthy.

I am aware that you have already received a copy of the school term dates for the 2021/22 academic year, which shows when school will be closed to pupils. I am writing to inform you that to allow for this valuable staff training to take place, an **additional INSET day will now be held on Tuesday 4 January 2022**. This means that your child's school will be open for staff to attend on this date, but will not be open for children. This will give school leaders and teachers an opportunity to meet and undertake important training which, in turn, will continue to strengthen our schools and ultimately enhance the learning experience for all our children across the trust.

Thank you for your continued support for Embrace staff and schools.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sharon Mullins
Trust Leader