

13 December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Additional INSET Day 6 January 2020

You may be aware that the current GCSE examination system has gone through some important reforms. In fact, these are the most significant changes in almost a quarter of a century. This has required us to develop new programmes of study which set out expectations at the end of each key stage, and all schools are currently developing a curriculum relevant to their students that teaches this content. The time required to plan the new curriculum requires significantly more time than the current amount of INSET days.

We are committed to ensuring that our students get the very best teaching and learning opportunities and our teachers have been planning for these important changes for some time. As a result of the national reforms, we have made a request for an additional INSET (teacher training) day on Monday 6 January which has now been approved by the Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust MAT Board. Students will therefore not be in school on this day and will return from the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 7 January at 8:40am.

We appreciate that this is short notice and would like you to be aware that if you are unable to arrange suitable arrangements for your child on this day, we are happy to provide supervision at school during normal school hours. Please can you email admin@hungerhillschool.com if you require this support by Thursday 19 December.

I acknowledge that this is an addition to the school calendar and I would like to apologise for the possible inconvenience that this may cause. However, I feel that it will be time very well spent given the significant changes we need to implement and feel we need to ensure that the planning of our curriculum meets the needs of every child. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours Sincerely



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