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To parents and carers at all Ebor Academy Trust schools

Dear Parent/Carer

You may have seen on the news that yesterday afternoon the government invited schools to consider that next Friday, 18 December, might be used as an "inset day". This is a teacher training day when children stay at home.

After much consideration, and in consultation with other schools and multi-academy trusts, all Ebor schools are declining the offer. Many other schools and trusts have come to the same conclusion.

While the intention was to relieve school teaching staff of any track and trace reporting in the event of any confirmed Covid-19 cases over the holiday period, we already have a system in place where such responsibilities will be handled by our central services team.

We want to continue our intention to reconnect pupils with their education following the lockdown earlier in the year when so much time was missed. An unexpected, last minute training day would also cause childcare problems for many parents and carers.

We trust you can understand the reasoning behind our decision.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Gail Brown

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