

**Athersley South Primary School**

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Dear Parent Carer,

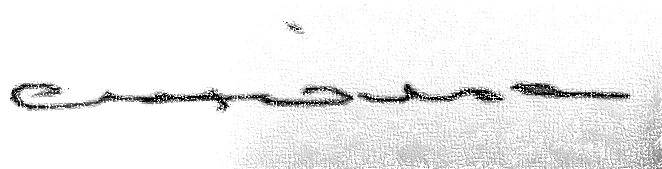
As you may be aware, the Government has announced that schools can close early for Christmas on Thursday 17th December. What you may not be aware of is that schools who choose to do this must use this day as an INSET day and either:

* bring forward the start of term in January by the same number of days or in all circumstances,
* open school on a planned holiday day later in the year.

 As the Government have stated that, "Teaching time must be made up at another point in the academic year".

The decision has therefore been made that school will remain open as originally planned and the end of term will be**Friday 18th December**to minimise the disruption of the education of our children and reduce any inconvenience for any parent/carers.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs E. Sanderson 

Headteacher CEO Every Child Matters

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