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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

The Department of Education and Ofsted have set out a new agenda for schools under the umbrella title of the 'Knowledge Led Curriculum' (KLC). This agenda is now 'live' and it is the framework by which all schools will be inspected and judged. From an educational viewpoint, it is welcomed because judgements about schools will be primarily shaped by the 'quality of education' inspectors see in classrooms, rather than just results e.g. Key Stage 2 results, GCSE results, etc.

Schools will now 'own' their curriculum (ie. everything that is taught) and develop an aspiration for the content beyond that which is set out by the various subject 'National Curriculum' statements. Equally, the new curriculum expectation is for schools to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that will enable our young learners to enjoy a wider range of learning experiences, than just those linked to preparing them for key assessments.

This significant change requires every school and classroom teacher to review their approach to the education they provide for their learners. This is both exciting and challenging. In order to secure this new agenda, the Nova Education Trust, and its associated schools, have set out an ambitious programme of staff development in order to ensure we deliver education to the highest of standards within this new framework. This agenda will require significant training inputs over the next few years.

As a key starting point to delivering the necessary training for the 'KLC' agenda, the Nova Education Trust Directors have granted additional training days on:

Wednesday 4 December 2019 and Monday 20 July 2020

This means that our school will be closed to children on the above dates. We hope this early notice will enable families to more easily make alternative arrangements for child care and supervision.

At some point in the New Year our school will be inviting all parents/carers to an information evening regarding how the KLC agenda is being delivered in our school. In the meantime, please accept my gratitude and thanks in anticipation of your understanding and support over the additional training days.

Yours faithfully,

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