



5 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**INSET DAY (KNOWLEDGE-LED CURRICULUM) WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019**

As you may be aware, the Department for 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 broadly welcomed because judgements about schools will be primarily shaped by the 'quality of education' inspectors see in classrooms, rather than through the narrow prism of educational outputs such as Key Stage 2 results and GCSE results.

A key ingredient of this new approach is that schools 'own' their curriculum and develop an aspiration for the content of the curriculum beyond that which is set out by the 'National Curriculum'. This significant change requires every school and classroom teacher to re-engineer their approach to the education they provide for their learners and as a brand-new school, The Suthers School is very well placed to be able to lead on this agenda. This is both exciting and challenging and in order to support this, 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 standards within this new framework. As a key starting point to delivering the necessary training for the 'KLC' agenda, the Nova Education Trust Directors have granted an additional training day on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

This means that our school will be closed to children on the above date. 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 we 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 in anticipation of your understanding and support over the additional training day.

Yours sincerely,

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