

Wednesday 12th November 2025

ADDITIONAL INSET FOR 25-26

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to let you know that an additional INSET day will take place on **Tuesday, 6th January 2026** across all Trust primary schools, including Blackbrook School.

We apologise for the short notice regarding this additional INSET day. Following senior leaders' instructor training last term and careful discussions across our schools, we agreed that the most effective and least disruptive way to ensure all staff—both teaching and support—receive this vital training is to schedule an extra INSET day. This approach allows us to deliver the training thoroughly and consistently, ensuring maximum impact for our pupils.

On this day, our staff will complete **CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) training**, which is an important part of our inclusive approach and our journey to becoming trauma-informed. This training gives staff practical strategies to support pupils positively and safely, helping us create a calm, nurturing environment where every child can thrive. The depth and importance of this course, alongside other statutory training, means we need this extra day to do it to the comprehensive level needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to strengthen the care and education we provide.

This additional training day is a key step in ensuring the very best for all our pupils.

Best wishes



Helen Newstead

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