



Dear staff, Parents and Carers

Monday 4th January 2020

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that the festive break was extremely enjoyable and that, in spite of the restrictions and adjustments that had to be made, there were plenty of good times had by all.

As has frequently been the case with the pandemic, the situation is very dynamic and can change rapidly, as was seen yet again before and during the Christmas break. With the so called new variant of the COVID 19 now appearing across the country I am writing to tell you that now and over the Christmas period, the school has had its first cases appear in both students and staff.

In the final week before we broke up there was the announcement of mass testing on return and then serial testing of close contacts of a positive case, all to be in place for January IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS. As yet we have not been informed of the plans for primary schools.

Consequently, it is understandable that with the announcements and the varied information, at differing times, there can be some uncertainty and confusion over what is happening and what the impact is for you and your family. This can make it challenging to plan and prepare for what happens moving forward.

As a result of not knowing what the next few days and weeks may have in store for all of us, we have decided to try to be at least a small step ahead of the game if the worst happens and primary schools are told to close as well as secondaries in which case, those children of key workers aswell as those deemed vulnerable will be the only children allowed into school either in the short or the long term.

In this case, all children not in school will be taught remotely As a reminder, the approach that Renishaw Primary School will take in this situation can be found on the school website and is available via <http://www.renishawprimary.org.uk/>

The Government's definition of Critical Worker and Vulnerable Students eligibility can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

Please then complete the form attached to this letter and send directly to school VIA EMAIL ONLY PLEASE. This way we hope that we won't miss anybody. Please email; info@renishaw.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please be aware that this is for 'ESSENTIAL, LAST RESORT SUPPORT. Unlike the initial lock down families are still allowed support and child care bubbles as far as I am aware.

We are currently in discussions with what plans may look like for those families in receipt of Free School Meals which we will update you with in the eventuality of school needing to close.

As we have said right from the very beginning, this is a very special community and we will always put the health and wellbeing of the staff, the children and the community as a whole.



I will always fully support families in the decisions that they make on this issue and we know in return you will always do your bit to return that support to myself and the staff.

If you have any further questions and queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe, stay strong, and stick together.

Kind regards.

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