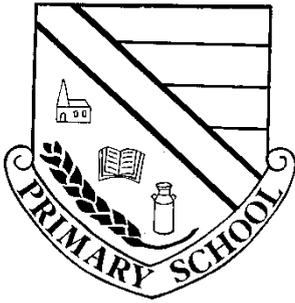


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Dear Parent

These last few days have been very worrying for everyone - parents, pupils and staff are anxious about the spread of Covid in our school community, with the added pressure of a family Christmas just around the corner.

In the last few days, you will have heard about the rise in positive cases among our pupils, as well as many pupils and staff being asked to go for PCR testing. Governors and myself are very conscious of further potential positive cases and the impact these would have on our school community over the festive period.

Having looked at our school calendar, we feel we will have to make adjustments and close our school to pupils this Friday 17th at 3pm. Changes in the academic calendar will be made and you will be informed of these in January. I appreciate this is short notice, but it is a decision I feel is necessary because of our current situation.

This is a disappointing end to our term which has seen so many highlights. Our pupils have had a super term and have continued to work hard, following our bubble rules and Covid guidelines and I have no doubt that they will continue to do so in the New Year. Staff all appreciate the support from parents and thank you all for your understanding throughout the term.

To all those families who have Covid in their homes, I wish you all well and hope everyone recovers soon. We will look forward to welcoming back all our pupils on **Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

Governors and staff wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and wish you well for 2022.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Judith Harper