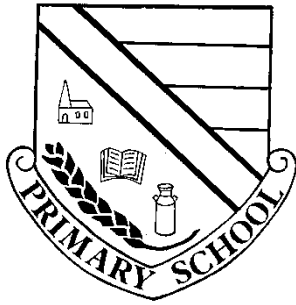


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Dear Parent

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.

School will close to pupils on Friday(17<sup>th</sup>) at 3pm (except vulnerable pupils). Staff will move to a short period of remote learning for next week, which will take the form of paper packs. Children at school will take these home on Friday and parents of other children who are not here can collect packs from the school foyer if they wish to.

Staff will be in school Monday, Tuesday and half day Wednesday for vulnerable pupils who can continue to attend. Please phone the school office if you wish your vulnerable child to attend as normal.

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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

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

Kind regards,

Mrs. Judith Harper