

Dear children and families,

Happy New Year from us all here at school.

I can't believe how this week turned out. As I drove away from school on Monday night, I did have a sense of foreboding about what Mr Johnson was going to announce that evening. We had spent the day organising school ready to welcome everyone back and within hours our plan had to change.

With the increasing rates of infection locally and the ever-increasing numbers of patients with Covid 19 in Addenbrooks, we must play our part in reducing the spread. The rules are:

You <u>must</u> stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

You should follow this guidance immediately. This is <u>the law</u> Leaving home

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your <u>support bubble</u> or <u>childcare bubble</u> where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare for those eligible

We have offered places to critical workers and vulnerable children as per the guidance but we are looking to keep numbers on site to a minimum. As the guidance says – we should be staying at home so we are only offering places at school to critical workers where there is not another person at home to care for the child. We have also offered places to vulnerable children, focussing on those who have a social worker, family support worker or a known other vulnerability.

Your class teacher will keep in contact with you when they are in school for their week on the rota. However, if we can help you in any way, for whatever reason, please do get in touch with us and we will do whatever we can. Although our doors are closed – we are still very much here.

I have been asked by some parents if I know when we will all be back together. I don't know anymore than you all do. I heard about the lockdown at 8pm on Monday – we continue to hear the news alongside everyone else. The current situation is being reviewed later in February so we could possibly be back together after ½ term. Having said that, the lockdown legally lasts until the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The R number, the number of cases and hospital admissions will continue to drive the decision making (as it did this week) so it is vital that we all keep to the rules and stay at home reducing all of our social contacts.

This is not an easy time. Please reach out to us if you need anything – we really will see what we can do.

Stay safe,

Miss Shaw





Nominations for rosettes will start again Friday. Your teachers will be nominating two children from your class each week as per usual. If you are not here, then we will get your rosette to you by post!





