

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a restful and safe holiday break.

As I am sure you are already aware, numbers of Covid cases across the country have rapidly increased recently. While the risk of hospitalisation may be lower, due to government guidelines, there is an increasing number of people having to isolate after testing positive.

As a small school, Woodlands has limited numbers of staff available onsite and, while we will make every possible effort to keep the school fully open, limited availability of supply staff may cause problems this term. It has therefore been necessary for us to plan for the possible situation of us not having enough staff to remain fully open and operational.

If we reach a point where multiple members of staff are isolating, and we do not have access to enough staff, through both our own team and supply agencies, to keep the children safe and adequately supervised in school, it may be necessary for us to close individual year groups. **This will only be done as a last resort** and will likely only be for a day or two at most, while appropriate staff can be found. Should this be the case, work will be provided online, through Google Classroom. Devices can be provided through the school office for any families who do not have access to a device in such a situation.

It is therefore essential that we are able to access parents/carers in case of a staffing emergency and we would therefore ask that you ensure that we are able to contact you or a nominated contact. If you would like to leave any additional emergency contact details for use in such a situation, please contact the school office to update your child's emergency contacts.

While we hope that such measures will not be needed at Woodlands, we appreciate your understanding and cooperation, should such a situation occur.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Hasker

Acting Headteacher



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