



## Newton's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Following advice received from Public Health England, the Local Authority and the Department of Education, we have closed the following classes: Mice – Mrs Mitchell's class, Hedgehogs - Miss Heptinstall's Class, Squirrels - Miss Smith's Class and Canaries - Mrs Creasey's class. We have advised the children in these classes to self isolate until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The closure of these classes does not mean that the class teacher has had a confirmed case of Covid 19.

The reason I am informing the whole school community, is to keep you all up to date and also to address some of the rumours and inaccurate information circulating within the community and on social media yesterday.

As a school, we have followed a range of guidance to ensure we are doing our best to keep all staff and pupils safe. You have been given lots of information since March of how we have been keeping the site safe. It was inevitable that the virus was going to become present in school at some point. Thousands of pupils have returned to school in September and thousands of people have returned to work, in order to return to some sort of normality. Many schools find themselves in a similar situation to us, having to close bubbles and isolate staff.

Thank you to those of you who have been supportive of what the school has done during this time and for your understanding of how difficult this is for all of us. It is much appreciated. We are not going to get everything right and we are not going to agree on all the guidance we receive but we have to act within it.

Unfortunately, I need to remind you that my staff will not tolerate aggressive behaviour towards them whether in person, on the phone or indeed on social media. The Newtons Parent group on social media is nothing to do with the school and is not endorsed by the school in any way. Thanks to the parents who have brought this page to our attention. Please be mindful what you see on this page is not a reflection of what is happening in our school.

Keep safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely  
Hayley McClenaghan  
Executive Headteacher