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Wednesday 20th January
Dear Parents,

Update on school closure

As you are aware, yesterday we closed the school for the remainder of this week due to our school caretaker, Mr Birkinshaw, having tested positive for Covid 19. Mr Birkinshaw developed symptoms on Monday 18th January and returned a positive result on Tuesday 19th January. In addition we have also had another member of staff return a positive result on Tuesday 19th January.

We suspect that both these members of staff have contracted the virus whilst being in school last week. We are awaiting results for other staff who were in school last week working with pupils or photocopying packs of work for children.

Whilst we have done everything we can to ensure staff and pupils have followed all rules around social distancing, hygiene and wearing PPE it is obvious how easily this virus can spread.

We have now had 12 members of staff who have had Covid, many of those are still ill now. We have also had 7 pupils with Covid. This is obviously a risk for all staff and pupils as they are in close contact with each other and then, ultimately, their families.

In view of the above, we will be closing school for everyone.

School will re-open on MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

We would ask all families to ensure children isolate and, where there are any signs of Covid symptoms in the family, to book a test.

PLEASE REPORT ANY POSITIVE CASES TO SCHOOL VIA THE FOLLOWING EMAIL:

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We are trying our best to support all our families and teachers are trying hard to provide the best education they can for them but we also need to support the nation's efforts to control the spread of this deadly virus. The sooner it is under control, the sooner we will all have our children back in school.

Many thanks,

Mrs Holliday





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