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Tuesday 12th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are sorry to inform you of the decision to close the school due a number of confirmed Covid-19 cases. This has been done in the best interests of the staff and pupils; their safety is our number one priority.

We share your frustration at such a decision, however the safety of all our children, staff and wider community is paramount and we have every confidence that you will understand the reasoning behind the closure. The school has been working closely with St Helens Borough Test and Trace team; and Public Health England on the situation when coming to such a decision, The Directors of the Trust have been involved at each stage of the process.

In total there have been 11 confirmed cases of Covid-19 since Christmas, mostly in staff across different areas of the school. As a result, a number of classes have already been sent home to isolate. This is all the more concerning with rates in St Helens (1st-7th January) being higher than the national average (797/100,000 compared to 530/100,000) and the new strain of the virus being within our locality.

We will close on Tuesday 12th January, with all learning moving online. We are planning to re-open on Monday 18th January, this will allow school to have a deep clean and for pupils who have received a letter to have a test. We are also asking all staff to have tests before Monday (other than those who will still remain in isolation). For those who must continue to isolate, please see the table below for a reminder of when pupils who have a place in school can return.

CLASS	RETURN TO SCHOOL
4P	Monday 18 th January 2021
EYs, Y5, 2T	Tuesday 19 th January 2021
Base children	Please refer to individual letter you received. Your child can return on whichever date is later – either the date on the Base letter or their year group date if in 4P, EYs, Y5 or 2T

Unless your child is in one of the above classes or Base, your child does not currently need to isolate, but you need to let us know if they or anyone else in the household goes on to receive a positive test for the remainder of this week and next. At this point Test and Trace may need to review this decision and ask your child to isolate.





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For children in classes that are isolating

Please ensure that your son/daughter remains at home, safe and well; should they develop any symptoms of Covid-19 then please arrange for testing to take place and inform us of the outcome.

Any correspondence or queries please direct to the school email address. Any further updates will be provided via email.

We know our school community will be sending their best wishes for the speedy recovery for those affected and we thank our families for their kind words and support during this challenging time.

Stay safe

Mrs Rynn

Headteacher

