Red Rose Primary School

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year to you all.

As you will have seen on the news this weekend, there are numerous discussions taking place between the school unions, government and SAGE, regarding the safety of opening schools for staff and pupils in light of current COVID 19 case numbers and the transmission rate of the new variant.

At Red Rose we have worked hard to prioritise the education of our children and to provide continuity of education as far as possible in a safe environment.

Given the confusion over Government communication and guidance to schools, we believe the Secretary of State must provide clear and consistent information to schools in tier 4. Governors, in consultation with staff, have therefore made the difficult decision to **move to remote education for the coming week:**

- Monday 4th January - **school closed to all pupils** due to staff professional development (as planned)

- Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th January - **school open to key worker and vulnerable children only.** Remote education will be in place for all other children.

- Thursday 7th January 2021 - situation reviewed by governors and parents updated as to the situation for the following week: w/c 11th January.

If you are a key worker and would like your child to attend school Tuesday 5th January - Friday 8th January then please complete the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeQhYnWlLRcLJhCjPUTzKWEAPq48vjnWD58iZzgjPCuWvAVg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Could I ask that any parent /child receiving a positive test informs school so we can keep an overview of the situation in our school community. Thank you.

Once again, we apologise for this very late notice, but as you know the situation is constantly changing and we had hoped for more direction today from central government.

Take care and best wishes to you all

Mrs Brinton, on behalf of the governing body.