

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being so understanding about our closure today. I fully appreciate that having this information come to you yesterday evening will have caused you some disruption and concern, but it was important we share this with you as soon as we were able.

The decision to close was not one I took lightly, but one I felt needed to be taken to ensure the safety of our children, teachers and support staff. The well-being and safety of our school community remains my first priority.

As I have said previously, we are in fast moving times and yesterday was certainly one of those times.

In light of a confirmed positive Covid-19 case I discussed our options with the Local Authority and made the decision to close our school to allow a thorough deep clean of the premises to take place today.

I have continued to communicate today with the Local Authority and Health Protection Teams who have provided further advice and guidance.

A thorough deep clean has now taken place throughout the school and we will be able to reopen to children tomorrow (Wednesday 29th September) morning as usual.

At this time, we will not have catering facilities onsite for those children who would normally have a school lunch, but another catering facility will be providing a packed lunch option to those children.

I would like to reassure you that despite having a few reported cases amongst adults in our school, I am unaware of any case involving a child. There has to date been no reported cases of pupil-to-pupil transmission within schools in Northumberland, and we hope to keep it that way.

Our school remains a safe place to be, to learn and to let our children thrive, and as I have already said, safety will remain my first priority.

I understand that some of you did not receive our communication and were unaware that school was closed this morning. If you did not receive a text yesterday evening, please contact the school office to confirm we have your correct details.

Finally, I am grateful to you all for the encouragement and positive feedback you have provided throughout this pandemic and the way in which the school community pulled together to ensure our children were educated today. I want to also thank you for you doing your bit during this difficult time, by working together we can hopefully keep our children in education where they are meant to be.

If you still have concerns about this or anything else, please contact us. As school we understand how difficult and worrying it is at this time so we ask that you speak with us directly should you need to.

I will continue to keep you updated as best I can during this time.

Thank you

Mrs D T Worrall
Headteacher

