

16th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Important Update: Arrangements for Thursday 17th December

I am writing to all parents regarding important changes to our arrangements for tomorrow, Thursday 17th December.

As you will know, we are having to be very responsive to the local and national picture with regard to Covid-19. With cases rising in the local community, we continue to follow the advice and guidance of the experts in full.

At present, we have a high number of staff members who are currently having to remain at home because they have been contacted under NHS Test and Trace. This afternoon, however, we have been made aware that this is now significantly impacting our site management team, with key personnel required to self-isolate.

Our site team is crucial to our ability to maintain all our statutory health and safety and processes around the school, including fire safety. Unfortunately, we will therefore be unable to open the school tomorrow, Thursday 17th December, as we had hoped. This applies to both the Beech Avenue and Alton Close sites. As you know, Friday 18th December is a Teacher Training Day, so the school will not re-open for pupils until January.

Pupils will instead be provided with home learning activities for the final half day of term. This will consist of:

- Sways for each year group in the Primary Phase which can be found on the website [here](#) (please note these will go live on the morning of Thursday 17th December)
- Work will be set on EPraise for pupils in the Secondary Phase.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but, as we hope you will appreciate, we must always act with the health and safety of all our school community as our priority.

All arrangements for the start of the new term in January will remain as before.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. May I wish you a restful, safe and happy Christmas break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ruth Robinson
Executive Principal

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