

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wish you a Happy (and better) New Year in the most challenging of times.

Term will now start on **WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY** and **NOT TUESDAY 5 JANUARY BUT** we are closing our school to **MOST CHILDREN** from **WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY** to **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY**. This is because the staff feel it is unsafe to open our school to all classes given the significant recent rise in infection levels caused by the rapid spread of the new Covid-19 variant. They will be teaching remotely through our online learning platform Seesaw. Our school will be open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children but we need tomorrow, Tuesday 5 January, to get an idea of numbers and to work out a rota for cover. This will also enable teachers to be fully prepared for online learning from Wednesday 6 January.

Learning will be taught online via Seesaw on **WEDNESDAY 6, THURSDAY 7 and FRIDAY 8 JANUARY this week**. It will then be taught on **MONDAY 11, TUESDAY 12, WEDNESDAY 13, THURSDAY 14 January** all day and **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY in the morning**. It will finish on Friday 15 January at lunchtime with the afternoon for the teachers to have their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time.

We will review the situation during the week beginning Monday 11 January and keep you updated with any decisions about the following week, beginning Monday 18 January.

Our dedicated staff are fully committed to our school and to their profession. They have been placed in an extraordinarily difficult situation and are desperate to get back to normal life at our school as soon as possible. We hope that a short closure may assist with us returning to enjoying our wonderful school community once again.

My very best wishes and I wish I wasn't writing this,

Liz Burton