

Padnell Junior School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you so much for your support and patience as we try to make sense of all the changes this week. We have worked hard to try and provide the best for all in our community, taking into account the wide ranging views and levels of anxiety and personal circumstances. All this was done at very short notice, with no clear guidance from the Government.

This latest lockdown and partial school closure aims to reduce the contact between children and their families and therefore only Critical/Keyworkers and vulnerable children are invited to attend school. All children at home will benefit from the remote learning provision that has been established over the last term, in preparation for this reoccurring situation.

Unfortunately, even without beginning to look at our vulnerable lists, in some classes this means that the numbers are still running at over 50% capacity.

The guidance has still not been made available to us but we are under pressure to accommodate our vulnerable members of the community as soon as possible. We, as schools, do not feel it right to wait any longer and so feel we need to address the differing situations in our two schools now. If we feel your family or child meet this criteria we will be in touch tomorrow.

Originally both schools, for continuity asked that you made a decision to either send your child in or provide for them at home using the home learning. **In the Infants school only**, with such high numbers and less ability to social distance, we are changing this request and ask that if possible you only use the critical worker place on the days when you actually require it and complete the home learning on the other days. We are hoping that for those of you who can manage this it will reduce the numbers in the Infant school and keep a greater number in the community safer. You will not need to let us know your requirement or ring in on the days where you choose to support your child working at home. **The arrangements at the junior school currently remain the same.**

Should a positive case then occur in your class bubble, we will back track on registers to identify who has been in contact and will need to self-isolate for the 10-day period in accordance with Public Health Criteria.

I am sure you join us in sending our best wishes to all those currently self-isolating or indeed positive or poorly with the virus. Let's hope we see an improvement soon in our local statistics and that not too many of our families suffer long lasting effects.

Keep safe,

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