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Dear Parents & Carers,

I trust this finds you well and that you were able to spend some quality time with your families this holiday despite the ever-changing restrictions.

Firstly, my sincere apologies that this information comes to you so late in the day. Like you, I have been awaiting Government announcements, responses from the Local authority and union meeting outcomes. This is an unsettling time for us all. I know many of you have been having soul-searching thoughts about whether or not to send your child back to school and indeed many staff have also found themselves with a difficult decision to make both professionally and personally.

As you probably know, some unions have advised their members to only support face-to-face teaching for keyworkers and vulnerable children until Monday 18th January initially, whilst further clarity is gained. A number of our team, both teachers and support staff have exercised their right to follow union advice, which requires me to alter the provision here at Padnell Infant School. This is not a decision they have made lightly. They really appreciate the difficulties this may cause some of you and in an ideal world truly believe that all children should be in school, but it is their view that this is the safest way to provide for our community at this very unpredictable time. Others not in those unions still have concerns but are required to carry out their roles face to face at this present time. This is a changeable situation and may need to change at short notice due to isolations in the community or reported cases. I can only ask for your understanding and support as together we find a way through this.

Below are listed the arrangements for each of the classes. If you consider yourself as a keyworker and want your child to be in school, regrettably, we do need to ask you to provide proof as you drop your child off tomorrow in the usual place. A full list of those eligible can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If your child has a social worker or an Educational Health Care plan then a place will be available for them under the vulnerable category, but it is your choice as to whether or not to take up this option.

I am sure, like in March, there are going to be many questions and individual circumstances. Please do email us and we will come back to you as quickly as we can. I apologise in advance for the responsive communication you are undoubtedly going to receive over the next few weeks as things go forward.

In the meantime, stay safe and keep following the rules so that we as a community can all get through this safely.

Rabbits	All children in school, full time
Foxes	Keyworker and Vulnerable children only All other children to be taught remotely
Squirrels	Keyworker and Vulnerable children only All other children to be taught remotely
Ladybirds	All children in school, full time
Butterflies	All children in school, full time
Dragonflies	All children in school, full time
Woodpeckers	All children in school, full time
Finches	Keyworker and Vulnerable children only All other children to be taught remotely
Owls	Keyworker and Vulnerable children only All other children to be taught remotely

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

Our Padnell promise to be a: **G**iving citizen
Resilient learner
Original thinker
Wise worker