

High Street, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent TNII 8BX



31st December 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a peaceful break and that you and your family remain safe and healthy. Further to my email last night, I can confirm that school will be closed for the first two weeks of term due to the high rates of transmission of Covid19. This is to protect our school community and to help reduce the spread of the virus. The government will carry out a further review in two weeks; I will keep you regularly updated with any developments or changes.

Whilst the school is closed to most pupils, we are required to support our parents who are <u>critical</u> <u>workers</u> so their children can attend school and they can continue their role. If you consider that you fall into this category and wish your child to attend school, please complete the attached form. This will enable me to finalise a staff rota before the school re-opens on 4th January. We ask you to consider that the idea of the school closure is to minimise contacts within the school community and reduce the risk of spreading the virus in our local community. Please only send your child to school if it is essential.

Once your form is processed, we will contact you with further information and the details of the provision for your child/children.

Please note that children attending school will follow the same class timetable provided for those working from home – this follows the normal format of a school day and pupils will be expected to participate in learning activities.

We will continue to offer our Early Morning and After School provision; please book using the online booking system.

I will be writing to all parents again tomorrow to outline our remote learning provision and to guide you through this next phase.

Please stay safe and do all you can to remain positive in these tough times. Sending my very best wishes to you and your family.

With kind regards,

Sue Elliott, Headteacher

