



Deanery C.E. Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs Jayne Lockett, BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH



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Dear Parents

On behalf of the Governing body I would like to take this opportunity to contact all parents.

As you will know, through recent communications from Mrs Lockett, Deanery CE Primary School finds itself at the centre of an outbreak of positive COVID cases. This has impacted the school significantly over the last few weeks and Mrs Lockett, our Head Teacher is taking direction and instructions from UK Health Security Agency ("UKHSA") and Birmingham Health in relation to our school based on the numbers of positive cases that we have had and continue to have.

Mrs Lockett is liaising with UKHSA on a regular basis and communicating those conversations to the School Governors. In fact, the most recent discussion was at a Full Governing Body meeting last night.

We appreciate that the situation in which we find ourselves is a difficult one, many of us are parents and teachers ourselves. However, the decisions, and therefore the impact on various aspects of school life, including Christmas Performances are not being made independently by individual members of staff or the senior leadership team. It can be a difficult message to deliver when we are aware that the situation in other local schools and messages from the Government may appear to be conflicting, but please be assured that we must respond to direction from UKHSA to ensure we are managing the outbreak within our school.

We understand there have been many positive and supportive messages received from the school community and are very grateful for your ongoing support. However, we appreciate that not all decisions taken will be not endorsed by all families on every occasion. We therefore request your support and understanding during this very difficult period that Deanery CE Primary School is presented with.

We are assured that the children will continue to enjoy their run up to Christmas - a special time in the school's calendar.

We wish you all happiness and peace at Christmas and hope for an easier, more normal New Year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ruth Boon
Chair of Governing Body
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