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Dear Parents and Carers.

We would like to update you on what has been a challenging start to the Spring Term at Nursery Hill Primary School due to COVID-19.

The number of cases in our school community has risen quite swiftly over the last week for both staff and pupils. After consultation with Mrs Gardner, Chair of Governors, and seeking advice from WCC, we made the difficult decision to close the school as there were not enough staff members to keep it open safely.

We have a number of pupils who are positive for COVID-19 and others who either have symptoms or who are awaiting PCR confirmation. The number of teachers who have tested positive has also risen. Although there has not been any update to the national definition of COVID-19 symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste/smell), please also be mindful of the wider symptoms of COVID-19 – sore throat, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, blocked/runny nose, shortness of breath, diarrhoea and vomiting, and cold-like symptoms. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test.

The remaining staff have ensured that online work and learning packs are available to all pupils including those in classes where the teacher is unwell. Some of the work returned by the children has been excellent. Thank you so much for supporting your children with this. It is incredibly difficult to organise childcare, remote learning and work from home and I really appreciate your help.

The school is being thoroughly cleaned and packed lunches are available for families who are eligible.

School will re-open on Monday 24th January for Early Years, Year 2 and Year 3/4.

If it poses difficulties with attendance of siblings, then we fully understand your decision to keep all siblings at home. We would still code absence as COVID related – this will not affect overall attendance.

Year 1 and Y5/6 can return to school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

I hope that this enforced closure has acted as a firebreak and slowed the transmission of the virus in our community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jeans

Headteacher





