

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parent and Carers of Pine, Rowan and Holly Classes,

URGENT – CONTINUED CLOSURE OF ROWAN AND HOLLY CLASSES

I am writing to update you about the class closures in Pine, Rowan and Holly Classes.

Despite hoping that we would have more staff back in school this week, we have in fact had further new cases arise amongst staff, and those staff who were already absent continue to test positive and cannot return to work. We are therefore facing as much absence as ever as we begin a new week. As a result, **I am sorry to have to share that only Pine Class is able to re-open tomorrow.**

Rowan and Holly Classes remain closed for at least one more day.

We are as disappointed to have to make this decision, as I know many of you will be. However, with a number of absences elsewhere in the school too, we are unable to safely open more classes.

Some absent staff are at the stage where they can test daily to see if 2 negative tests allow them to return and we will be trying everything we can to continue to build on the staffing and get the other 2 classes back into school as quickly as possible.

Like last week, we will be able to offer a small provision for children of essential workers and those children whose families are currently supported by a social worker. If you believe that you fall into one of these categories and are absolutely unable to find alternative care for them, please email us on office@fis.faringdonlearningtrust.org before 10pm this evening to let us know that you are requesting a place. Please ensure that you include the following information;

- Name of your child
- Class name
- Your job role and employers contact information, if you are an essential worker
- Name of social worker, if applicable
- Whether you require essential worker provision in order to work on Thursday and/or Friday

Please be aware that in order to provide this key worker provision, it will be necessary for us to mix the children from the three classes, who have until now, been kept in separate bubbles.

Please think carefully about whether it is essential for you to take up a place. We only have skeleton staffing to offer key worker provision and do not want to turn away those children whose parents are absolutely required to be out of the home in essential roles such as NHS or Education.

Remote learning for tomorrow can be found on our school website under the following tab;

<https://www.faringdoninfantschool.co.uk/remote-learning-year-1-and-2-mixed-classes-rowan-p/>

Please be aware that due to the level of illness amongst staff, there will be no online lessons and communication via class email addresses is likely to be limited.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this incredibly difficult situation. It is not a step we have taken lightly and I want to thank and acknowledge how hard my whole team are working to try to keep things running wherever possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sally Robins and the FIS Team