

Faringdon Infant School

Part of the Faringdon Learning Trust

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

URGENT - CLOSURE OF PINE, ROWAN AND HOLLY CLASSES

Following the significant spike in cases of COVID amongst children and staff in these classes, I am writing to let you know that the Trust, Governors and I have been forced to take the difficult decision to close these three classes for tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday. We now have 11 members of school staff affected and 32 positive cases of the virus amongst children. We do not have the capacity to safely staff Pine, Rowan and Holly classes.

We are acutely aware of the inconvenience that this causes for families of children who remain well, but have to make our decision with everyone's safety as the priority. We hope to re-open all classes from Monday, when some staff would be due to return to work. We will keep you informed if this should change for any reason.

On Thursday and Friday, 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 Pine, Rowan and Holly classes, who have until now, been kept in separate class 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 the next 2 days 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 exceptionally hard staff have worked this week to remain open for the last 3 days.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sally Robins and the FIS Team