



16th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry that we have had to make the difficult decision to close Bower Grove School and the Satellite and I understand the inconvenience this has caused.

This letter provides you with more information regarding the text message you were sent on Sunday.

There have been some confirmed cases of Covid within the school staff community. The virus is highly infectious.

In order to protect the safety of everyone and reduce the spread of infection across our community, we have made the decision to close the school for 14 days, as a "fire break," to reduce the infection spread and to deep clean the building.

We know that you may find this concerning and we are continuing to monitor the situation. We are working closely with Public Health England.

Our School Governing Body has been informed and is in support of the decisions we have had to make.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals we will be in touch and provide you with food vouchers.

School staff will be in touch with you regularly to ensure your child can continue to learn from home.

If you have a safeguarding concern regarding a pupil please contact this mobile number 07976535128 to speak to a Safeguarding Lead.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid

Please be reassured that for most people, Covid will be a mild illness

If your child develops symptoms of Covid, they must not come into school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Please inform school if your child becomes ill.

The most common symptoms of Covid are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass onto others in the community.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to reduce the risk of the infection spreading in our school community. We look forward to re-opening the school on Monday 30th November.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs L Salter

Headteacher