

19 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware for the last 2 weeks we have asked a number of children to attend school for either an AM or a PM session due to staff absence because of Covid-19.

At the present time, we have 16% of our classroom staff absent from school, making the site unsafe at full student capacity. We regret to inform you that this means that this arrangement will need to continue for all of next week (W/c 24 January 2022).

The reduction of time onsite is not a decision we take lightly, our school had significantly higher attendance than the Leicester school average throughout national lockdowns. We continue to feel that ensuring the safety of our staff and students on site each day is our absolute priority, as well as offering face to face education to all our children every day. Offering 3/5 lessons to all onsite each day, alongside daily independent learning tasks and remote intervention, will have the following benefits:

- Reduce the number of children and staff on site at any one time and therefore reduce the potential for COVID spread;
- Reduce the number of people we will have to isolate given a positive case of COVID.
- Due to increased staff capacity, we are highly unlikely to have to close down the school due to an inability to cover staff absence.
- Staff will remain onsite all day, every day, meaning that additional levels of support are available to the children in attendance at any one time.
- We will be able to continue to open our residential facility.

Any questions then please do contact the school office or your child's pastoral TA.

Yours sincerely



Sara Marsh
Head Teacher