



Bocking Church Street Community Primary School

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16th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Today we have been notified of a positive confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school community.

A full investigation has been conducted with Public Health England and Essex Track and Trace to identify close contacts. Although our children are not required to isolate as none have been in direct prolonged contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19, several staff have been in direct contact and they are required to be staying at home for 14 days.

Having reviewed our risk assessment taking into account the staffing capacity, along with the Health and Safety considerations, we have reached the crucial tipping point where the ability for the school building to remain open and function safely is no longer an option. The school's contingency staffing plans have been exhausted, but sadly with the roles and responsibilities of those directly affected in school, this limited capacity has been exhausted.

As a result, we will be reverting to a full remote learning model for the whole school from tomorrow 17th November until Monday 30th November when we will then expect all children to return to the school site again for lessons. This period of building closure will allow all staff to complete their full required self-isolation, provide a circuit breaker and allow the school to be deep cleaned. This is to ensure the continued safety of our whole school community.

For those children in EYFS learning activities will be uploaded to Tapestry or shared on the e-school platform. For children in years 1 to 6, their learning can be accessed via J2E. If the children have any difficulties in accessing J2E, please email the admin@bockingstreet.essex.sch.uk address, and we will arrange to support you in this. If you are unable to access the learning via our remote platform, again please let the office know and we will arrange for packs to be sent home. Please be mindful that this may take slightly longer to organise. During the period of remote learning, teachers will monitor the learning that is taking place. Please be aware that we may make some 'keeping in touch' phone calls during this time.

At this current this time, please continue to ensure that the children are following government guidance relating to the second National lockdown.

We would strongly encourage you all not to share comments on social media platforms in order not to cause further anxiety within in the community.

Here at Bocking Primary, the health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff is of the utmost concern. We understand that this development means additional disruption for children and their parents, but we must take appropriate action to ensure their safety and prevent future spread of the virus.

We look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday 30th November 2020.

Yours sincerely

Miss Tatlow

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