



## Bessemer Primary School

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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As of today, we now have 6 confirmed cases of Covid, including both adults and children, across several year groups of the school. Further to this 48 out of 105 staff are not in school. This includes all of our premises staff and most of the catering staff.

I have today been in contact with the governing body, the local authority and Public health England who are all advising the need for a circuit break for health and safety reasons. Therefore, the school will be **closed from Friday 27/11/20 to Monday 07/12/20**.

We know that this situation will create difficulties in terms of childcare and getting to work and we sympathise, however we must follow the Public Health guidance. We have done our absolute best to keep the school open and have tried throughout this pandemic to maximise the children's learning opportunities in extremely difficult circumstances, so I hope you understand we did not take this decision lightly.

If your child develops any symptoms they should get tested as soon as possible and the whole family should then isolate for 14 days from the start of the symptoms. Please let us know if you receive any positive test results, even if your child has not been in school.

All teachers will add English and maths lessons to Google Classroom along with one additional lesson a day. If you are unsure about which lesson your child should be following, or you cannot access Google Classroom please contact the school office via email. Your child can upload their work or any questions about the work to Google Classroom and the teachers will respond.

We look forward to seeing most of you on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Year 3 on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind Regards,

Elizabeth Whitehead