



Headteacher:
Mrs. S. Lea

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are well aware and despite all our measures to reduce infection, several members of our school community have tested positive for COVID-19. For families directly affected by these cases, we know that self-isolation and disruption to your child's learning has caused you worries on many levels.

We also understand that, even if your child has not been asked to self-isolate, the growing concern about increasing cases in school locally and nationally is causing anxiety and disruption for everyone.

We have continued to work with Dudley Public Health Office and I believe that if we do not respond quickly, we will be facing a much larger problem.

In light of this information and after seeking approval from our Governing Body, the Diocese and the Local Authority, I have decided to make the decision to close the school from 3:30pm on Friday 16th October and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd November (after the half term break).

I know this decision will cause concern and inconvenience for many families, however my priority right now is to reduce the risk of further infection and to protect the health and safety of all members of our school community. Closing the building for two weeks will create a 'circuit break' to prevent further infection and allow for an intensive deep clean of the entire school.

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly; we have taken all family circumstances into consideration but strongly believe that this is the most effective yet least disruptive action we can take.

This is a week's closure for which home learning packs and online learning will be provided. Following that, we will have our usual week's half term. Further information regarding home learning resources and work packs will come home with children tomorrow.

If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate school on 01384 816825 or on info@jessons.dudley.sch.uk. Next week there will be a small number of office based staff in school should you need to contact us urgently.

Once again, I apologise for any inconvenience or additional worry this may cause.

Mrs Sarah Lea
Head teacher