



16th December 2020

TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN CLASS 3WW

Dear Parents

This is a letter I had hoped I would not have to write. Yesterday afternoon, eight members of staff at our school were contacted by the Test and Trace app and informed they must self isolate, all for different numbers of days ranging from seven to ten days. Overnight, another colleague has contacted me with the same issue and I have no alternative but to close Class 3WW until after the Christmas holiday.

Yesterday afternoon I spoke with the Head of Education at Southampton City Council, my Chair of Governors and a senior health protection advisor for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, who informed me that, in her opinion, this is a horrible coincidence which has not emanated from our school.

This is not a decision I have taken lightly, nor have I taken it without much soul searching and trying to find other staffing solutions.

I also realise that none of us would have chosen to end the term in this way, but in the circumstances I hope you realise that I have been left in a very tricky predicament, which makes me remember we are still in the middle of a pandemic.

Please keep an eye on your emails.

Thank you very much for your help and support in our hour of need.

Very best wishes

Peter Howard
Headteacher